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Lowe back with Brown, Licata

By signing David Lowe for \$15,000 from Newcastle last week, Marconi coach Les Scheinflug has re-united the hottest striking trio yet produced at national youth team level — Lowe, Rod Brown and Rene Licata.

And now, Scheinflug is poised to make a bid for Soccer star Alan Davidson who is back home in Melbourne, waiting for Arsenal to appeal against the British government's refusal to grant him a work permit.

Brown, who joined Marconi early in 1983 from Auburn, scored 14 goals in 14 full international appearances with the young Socceroos. Lowe scored 16 goals in 16 full international appearances and Licata provides service from the wing.



David Lowe

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Knives are out for Scheinflug!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Knives are sharpened and poised to plunge into the back of national coach Les Scheinflug.

A handful of leading figures in the Australian Soccer Federation are intent on ousting Scheinflug and replacing him with Frank Arok of St. George Budapest.

And if they are allowed to get their way, they will commit one of the greatest injustices in sport.

Since being appointed national coach in 1981, Scheinflug has coached Australia's senior national team in 19 matches, for a record of 13 wins, one draw and five losses.

As coach of the national youth team, he has led the young Socceroos in 33 matches, for a record of 19 wins, 7 draws and 7 losses. Under Scheinflug, the young Socceroos reached the quarter-finals of the 1981 World Youth Championships and came third in the Joao Havelange youth tournament in Mexico in 1982.

And his last assignment as national coach was the Merlion Cup in Singapore, which Australia won two months ago.

Yet those who want Scheinflug out, claim the Merlion Cup was of little significance because Australia always beats Asian teams anyway.

Perhaps they would have been impressed had Scheinflug won a tournament against Brazil, England, West Germany, Holland and Argentina, played at Wembley.

It was suggested at a recent meeting of the ASF's World Cup committee that Arok should be brought in as coach of a national B team, that Scheinflug remain coach of the national A team, and that BOTH teams should play against visiting opposition! Why? To pit one coach against the other?

The ASF hierarchy has a dismal record in regards to selection of national coaches since it parted company with Rale Rasic — the man who took the Socceroos to the 1974 World Cup finals. It also has failed at the FIFA negotiating tables, as is evidenced by the fact that we have to play against a European nation in the next World Cup qualifying matches.

If it is allowed to, the ASF may make yet another monumental blunder.

Scheinflug is the first local man appointed national coach since Rasic — and his results so far speak for themselves.

Scheinflug is a former national team captain, he was assistant to Rale Rasic in 1973-74, and assistant to Rudi Gutendorf as well. Arok also is a well-qualified coach, who demonstrated his ability while caretaker national coach in the three-match series against England.

If Arok were the reigning national coach, and if he were under fire the way Scheinflug is now, we would support Arok just as strongly as we are supporting Scheinflug.



Les Scheinflug

Soccerball to be won

How's your national soccer knowledge?

We introduce a weekly quiz, the answers to which can be found in our "National Soccer Annual", now on sale at your newsagent (\$1.50).

The first correct entry received each week will win a Mitro Soccer ball and all weekly winners will go into the barrel for a grand prize to be announced later, which will be drawn at the end of the season.

This week we ask you to name:

1. The player who is the top goalscorer of all time in the National Soccer League.
2. The Australian goalkeeper in the 1983 World Youth Championship finals in Mexico.
3. The player who won the Tasmanian Rothmans Gold Medal in 1983.
4. The State which celebrated its centenary in 1983.
5. The player who scored for Australia against England in Melbourne on June 19, 1983.



Handshake seals the deal



Phil O'Connor of Wollongong is welcomed by Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos after signing a two-year contract with the club last Saturday. See full story and Buffalo Summer Cup reports, pages 8-9.

ARSENAL TAKES UP THE FIGHT FOR 'DAVO'

Alan Davidson returns from England this week after failing to get a work permit to play for Arsenal.

Charlie Yankos, who has been trialling with Brighton, will fly back with Davidson, to resume at Heidelberg.

During his absence, Arsenal will appeal against the decision by the British Department of Employment not to grant Davidson a work permit.

Davidson said Arsenal had asked him to come back to England on February 18. Meanwhile, Davidson will discuss his future with Hellas.

Coach Len McKendry, angry that Davidson did not delay his trip so he could play in Cup matches late last year, has said he will quit if Davidson is allowed to play for Hellas again.

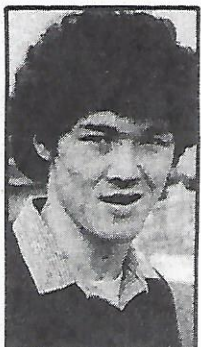
in signing him, if the price is right, and Heidelberg may suggest a swap with Jim Campbell, whom Hellas has been chasing for some months.

Speaking from London this week, Davidson said one of the reasons he was refused a work permit was that he was too cheap.

"Arsenal said in its application for my work permit that I was a top international player, but the authorities came back and said if I was so great, how come my transfer fee was only \$30,000?" Davidson said from London yesterday.

English clubs are used to paying anything up to \$2 million for a top-class player.

"Arsenal's solicitors are appealing against the refusal to grant me a work permit, and they'll be pointing out that \$30,000 is about as much as anyone pays for a player in Australia, and that most players have maximum transfer fees included in their contracts to make it easier for them to move," Davidson said.



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AHEARN FAMILY BENEFIT

A benefit day for former Australian youth team goalkeeper Glen Ahearn and his family will be staged on the Gold Coast on Sunday, February 26.

And donations for the Ahearn family are also being accepted in Melbourne. They should be forwarded to the Victorian Director of Coaching, Tim White, at Soccer House, 52 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

Ahearn's father and sister were killed in a road

The 21-year-old keeper who was in the Brisbane City NSL squad last year after spending several years with Sydney City, was critically injured in the accident and may not play soccer at top level again.

The main event of the benefit day will be a match between the Brisbane City

17 goals in just one game!

Theoderakopoulos

Rejected, then Olympic buys him for \$6000

There's nothing more unpredictable than the life of a striker.

Just ask Nick Theoderakopoulos, who disappointed Heidelberg, Canberra, Blacktown and Melita Eagles when he signed with Sydney Olympic last week.

He'll tell you how he was rejected for Olympic's youth team early last year — and was turned down!

But best of all, he'll tell you about the Australian Universities tournament at Wollongong last year.

Playing for University of NSW, Theoderakopoulos scored 17 goals in a 26-1 victory over University of New England.

In the next match, University of New England drew 1-1 with Wollongong University. But in the opening round, University of NSW had lost 2-7 to Wollongong!

Theoderakopoulos, 19, was honored after the tournament by selection to the Australian Universities all-star team. It was to have gone overseas for matches — but it didn't!

The kid from Sylvania, in southern Sydney, became one of soccer's most wanted men after ending the 1983 season as joint top scorer in the NSW State League. He and John McKie of Melita Eagles notched 17 each.

And so Theoderakopoulos suddenly enjoyed fuss sim-

ilar to that made in Melbourne over Ajax's Paul Lewis who top-scored in the Victorian State League.

Theoderakopoulos is luckier than Lewis though. While Lewis has been priced at \$30,000, Theoderakopoulos got his transfer from Canterbury-Marrickville for only \$6000.

And now, the club that knocked him back as a youth player, probably will field a striking force that looks like this: Terry Patalis, Nick Theoderakopoulos and Marshall Soper.

He spent a week in Melbourne, training with Heidelberg, to whom he had been recommended by John Margulis, coach of Juventus.

Although he agreed to join Heidelberg, he had second thoughts on returning home, due to his studies at the University of NSW. He is in his third year of an Arts course there, in preparation for a teaching career. He also works part-time as a menswear salesman in a Canterbury shop only a few doors from the sportsground store run by Olympic team mate Peter Katholos.



New Olympic striker Nick Theoderakopoulos

Other offers had come his way from Canberra, Blacktown and Melita, but as Theoderakopoulos explains: "As a Greek kid, I'd always wanted to play for the blue-and-whites. I got the opportunity, and I wasn't going to miss it."

Asked whether he thought he could ward off competition for a place in the senior team, he says: "If I didn't think I could make it, I wouldn't have bothered trying."

He certainly has the ammunition.

He stands 6 ft 1 in tall, his heading ability is well above average, he can shoot equally as well with either foot and while he's not greased lightning he isn't slow either. Theoderakopoulos played

alongside another striker at Canterbury, with Bill Vassiliou wide on one wing. That's the way he likes it — having someone running off him up front. He'll have that in Marshall Soper.

And to maximise his soccer efficiency, he's spreading his final university year over a two-year period.

Theoderakopoulos started soccer as a 10-year-old with Hurstville Park, and switched to Western suburbs under 14s three years later.

After a stint with Sydney Hakoah's under 16s and Third Grade team, he moved on to Canterbury-Marrickville where, after 12 Second Grade games, he made his senior debut against Polonia in 1981.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

His best goalscoring year apart from 1983, was with Sydney City in 1980, when he scored 23.

His coaches have included former Soccerro goalkeeper Ron Corry and John Xipolitakis at Canterbury. Roger Musgrove at Sydney Hakoah, Michael Nezeritis at Canterbury Second Grade, and Frank Lamacchia at Western Suburbs.

"You learn something from every coach, but Frank is the one who helped me the most. He showed me more than the others," Theoderakopoulos says.

His family links go back to Tattas in southern Greece, from where his parents George and Joanne migrated to Australia. Nick, born in Bathurst, has two sisters — Betty and Madeleine.

He's been a regular spectator at NSL matches, although he's been playing in the State League.

Soper, John Kosmias and Gary Cole ("I met him at Heidelberg and he's a nice guy as well as a good player") are his favorite forwards, but his favorite player overall is none other than Peter Katholos.

Asked to name the strongest defenders he has seen, he didn't want to commit himself about players against whom he has not yet played. "I'll mention only Bruno Vidale of Croatia. He gave me two hard games last year."

Regionalisation of the NSL unfortunately spells doom for the State League, says Theoderakopoulos.

"Many of the clubs will struggle to survive, without the home games from Melita Eagles, Croatia and even Blacktown once a year."

But there still are a few exciting forwards in the league — particularly at Canterbury-Marrickville, says Theoderakopoulos.

Winger Bill Vassiliou, midfielder Spiro Tzaniatis and central defender Spiro Tzaniatis are the best of them. NSL clubs still in the transfer market should have a look at Sutherland centre back Keith Schumann, says Theoderakopoulos.



Ian Dobson (left) with former England manager Ron Greenwood.

Makedonia, Croatia feud over Dobson

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

An NSL disputes committee will decide the battle between Melbourne Croatia and Preston

Makedonia over stopper Ian Dobson.

Croatia last week reported Preston Makedonia to the NSL, alleging that Dobson is a registered Croatia player and that registration forms lodged with the NSL by Makedonia for Dobson are invalid.

Croatia spokesman Frank Brin teleaxed NSL secretary Stefan Kamaz early last week, then sent a written complaint to the NSL over Makedonia's signing of Dobson from Victorian State League club Croydon City.

Croatia's letter referred, in part, to a photostat of NSL registration forms and a copy of the contract signed by Dobson with Croatia and lodged with the NSL on December 3 last year. Dobson then holidayed in England. When he returned last week, he signed with Makedonia.

Croatia claims that it paid \$1,724 toward Dobson's return air fare to the U.K. Croatia's letter said that it was unable to come to an agreement with Croydon over a transfer fee for Dobson as other NSL clubs were bidding for his services after he had signed with Croatia.

The letter urged Kamaz to "advise other Melbourne-based NSL clubs, in particular Preston, that the player is already signed with Melbourne Croatia and these other clubs should cease their negotiations with Croydon immediately."

Croatia urged the NSL to "take immediate action in accordance with NSL regulations 65 and 66 in regard to priority of registration."

Regulation 65 states: "In the event of a player signing a registration form for more than one club, priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The board of directors shall investigate the circumstances under which the registration forms were signed and having made their determination, shall notify the club supplying the later registration form of priority of registration."

Regulation 66 states: "Any player found to have wilfully signed registration forms for more than one club, or a club found to have knowingly induced a player to sign a registration form with that club in the knowledge that the player has previously signed a registration form with another club shall be dealt with by the board of directors in such manner as they shall think fit."

Preston Makedonia president, John Branov, was confident that the disputes committee would rule in his club's favor.

A similar dispute arose early last year over Ken Murphy, who signed registration forms with both Preston Makedonia and South Melbourne Hellas. Eventually Hellas won the case.

"The Murphy affair had developed far further than the Dobson situation," said Branov.

"We still maintain that an agreement had been reached between our club and Murphy and also between us and his club then, Croatia. In the Dobson case, Croatia and Croydon had come to no agreement. There's more involved in this matter but I can't discuss it."



John Branov

Canberra 'bluff' over Farina; Lomons praised

By RICKY ROSSO

Former Queensland State League club Mareeba United, which has slapped a \$20,000 transfer fee on young Soccerro winger Frank Farina, believes Canberra Arrows are "bluffing" in threats to take legal action over the fee.

The club has ignored the threats and has no intention of altering the fee until the outcome of an appeal by Farina to the Queensland Soccer Federation.

And QSF officials similarly have not been impressed by the suggestions of possible future legal action over the matter.

"Canberra should wait until the outcome of any appeal, as in all disputes before, both parties will be given a fair hearing. It is ludicrous to suggest the matter could be decided in the courts," a QSF official said.

Although Farina lodged an

appeal several weeks ago, the hearing, to be conducted by the QSF management committee, could not go ahead until Mareeba officially rejected Canberra's offer for the youngster, believed to be \$3000.

The North Queensland club, which played Farina in a handful of State League matches three years ago, met last Saturday and was to send its reply to the QSF office early this week.

"That certainly will be a big 'no' as club officials have been angered by negotiations with Canberra, claiming the club had treated them like 'country hicks'."

"I feel sorry that Frank is



Frank Farina

bearing the brunt of all this, but that's the way it is. We lost a lot of money on the State League, but it gave Frank his first opportunity. We deserve something back for that," club secretary Serge Battison said.

Battison said he would post Mareeba's reply to Canberra's offer on Monday.

But it was unlikely the letter would reach Perry Park in time for the management committee meeting and the matter was likely to be held over for another week.

That no doubt will be frustrating for Farina and Canberra, which, if it adds the young Soccerro to its squad, will have a trio of North Queenslanders.

The Arrows already have signed Farina's former Mareeba and Australian Institute of Sport team-mate Ray Juma and also have former Cairns player Manis Lomons on their books.

Canberra coach Doug Collins has been impressed with Lomons, who was snatched from right under the noses of Brisbane City and Lions.

"I have never before had a player with his possibilities



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Cairney axed

Brisbane city Striker Joe Cairney is the first player to be dropped since the takeover of coach Joe Gilroy.

Cairney last week was placed on the transfer list, although a fee has yet to be set.

The move capped what has been a far from successful association between the club and the former Kilmarnock striker.

Cairney, 27, came to Australia in early 1982 with a reputation of being a top-line goal scorer.

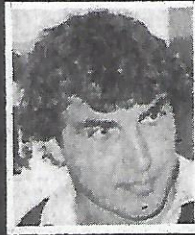
But for various reasons, including slowness to adapt to Australian conditions and constant pressure from the City supporters, Cairney never lived up to expectations.

Although he had several bright spells, his bad games outnumbered his good ones.

Cairney played much of last season in the City Premier League side, yet only scored two goals. He netted a further two in his few NSL appearances.

That total was less than the previous season when he netted three times at NSL level and five times in the State League.

Buljevic bows out with a bang!



Branko Buljevic



Flashback to 1974 — Branko Buljevic (extreme left) is out-jumped by Chile's Elias Figueroa at Berlin's Olympic Stadium during the World Cup Finals. Australia's Peter Wilson is on the ground. The game finished in a 0-0 draw.

ON REGIONALISATION OF THE NSL: 'Ultimatum for soccer'

6 The new NSL set-up is a shocking farce. Crowds will come to maybe the first five rounds, but I predict that in the second half of the season, there will be hardly any games with more than 1000 people anywhere.

If they were going to regionalise, they should have gone back to State Leagues straight away, and everyone should have helped each other. But this is an ultimatum for soccer. This could destroy the game.

A return to the State League structure would have strengthened clubs right through the ranks, and a sponsor easily could have been found for a national play-off series between the States at the end of the year.

But what are the State Leagues now?

What are the other leagues?

They're all dead, and I can't see any future. The administration has made a big mistake, and if we lose crowds now, how can we change yet again? What will we tell the people then?

And under the new league set-up, who will want to see the Brisbane and Adelaide teams in Melbourne? Nobody!

Beforehand, at least some people went but now, when Brisbane and Adelaide play in Melbourne, people will go elsewhere, to see Makedonia v. Hellas, George Cross v. J.U.S.T., Croatia v. Heidelberg, or some other local derby. 9

★ Branko Buljevic, 36, paints a black picture for soccer as he hangs up his boots after 15 years with Footscray J.U.S.T., Heidelberg-Alexander, South Melbourne Hellas, the national team and the Victorian State side.

His retirement leaves Peter Ollerton of Preston-Makedonia as the only member of Australia's 1974 World Cup team still playing top-level soccer (unless Peter Wilson makes a comeback with Wollongong).

Buljevic has had offers to continue playing with Juventus and Northcote, but he is adamant that this is it.

"I want a year's rest," he says.

"Maybe I'll think about coaching then. I'd like to coach young players — tell them what it's all about. I wouldn't mind coaching an NSL youth team."

But the senior scene stinks, as far as Buljevic is concerned.

"The game is going down the drain. Playing standards are getting worse, we haven't got any crowds, people are sick of the present administration. We're 100 years behind Europe and South America.

"Former great players just disappear from the game.

"So many coaches with top qualifications, like Rocco Illie, also fade away. They could do a lot for the game, and for juniors, but no-one seems to want them. Everyone is in it only for his own sake.

"I'm so sick of it I haven't even been going to games lately — and soccer has been my life."

FOR THE RECORD: Buljevic scored 11 goals in 30 games (22 full internationals) for Australia from 1972 to 1974. He scored seven goals in 27 games for Victoria from 1969 to 1976. He has scored 50 NSL goals, placing him equal 11th among the league's all-time top scorers. He scored 79 State League goals before the NSL was formed in 1977.

ON DECLINING SPORTSMANSHIP:

6 When I came to Australia in 1968, there was much happiness in soccer. Everyone was friendly. Now it is different.

Everyone rubbishes everyone else — players, and especially coaches.

Coaches don't speak to each other with genuine friendship. They don't shake hands after the game, like in Europe.

There is jealousy and back-stabbing.

There is no sportsmanship, and too much snobbishness between one clique and another.

The attitude of the players is wrong, too.

They're only after money. They talk about contracts, buying houses and businesses from the money they make from soccer. I never thought like that! I and many others of my generation thought only about glory in soccer — winning games, or championships, or Cups.

I would still play for enjoyment — but where could I enjoy the game?

Alun Evans was strong like a bull. A very tough player. But he broke his leg after going to Marvell. I asked him how it could happen, and he said he lost interest, he was too casual, he didn't enjoy his soccer anymore. That is when you get badly injured. 9

ON HIS YEARS WITH HELLAS: 'When you get older they try to put you down'

6 I gave 100 per cent to Hellas all the time, and I believe that when I deserved to play, they should have put me in the team. Instead, I was mostly a reserve in the past two years.

They weren't fair to me at Hellas in those years, and that's a big reason that I decided to retire.

It didn't help having so many coaches — Mar-geritis, Docherty, Rasic, McKendry — but I think I should have been playing more games than we lost.

But when you get older, they try to put you down. Always, they make some excuse.

John Margeritis bought me, along with Vince Benson and Steve Blair. We had a good team in 1980, and we finished second. Alan Davidson was injured for a while, and we had other bad luck, but we could have won the championship.

You don't change a team like that, but the fol-

lowing year, Hellas bought six players — Wood-din, Turner, Shirra, Stevenson and a few others. You can't do that. You kill the team, and that's what happened.

I told Len McKendry I was disappointed that I wasn't in the team more. He said soccer is a busi-ness, and Steve Wooddin should be in the team in the second last game of 1983, against APIA.

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In the second last game of 1983, against APIA, when we had to beat them to put me on in the championship, I told him to put me on in the second half. He said no — what if we lose? But who cares whether you draw or lose, when you can win the championship only by getting a vic-tory in this game? Instead, we drew 0-0.

I was hurt by what happened at Hellas. I loved to play, I gave everything I had, and then I felt I wasn't wanted. It was like the end of the world. 9

ON HIS STRONGEST TEAM:

'JUST of '69 would have won NSL by 10 points'

6 I arrived from OFK Belgrade in 1968 — when Footscray J.U.S.T. finished second-last — but the fol-lowing year, under Rale Rasic, we had a team that would have won today's NSL by 10 points.

That team was the best in Aust-

ralia — and certainly the best in which I have played.

We won the State League championship that year, and our team included such great players as Micic, Zoraja, Mihailovic, Utjeseno-vic, Cirkovic, Rusmir, Lukic, Mil-savljjevic, Kazi, Rice and Adamovic. 9

ON HIS SOCCEROO DAYS:

'It's all politics'

6 Qualifying for the World Cup and playing in the finals in West Germany in 1974 were the highlights of my soccer career. The training, the preparation, stepping onto the field in Hamburg — it was like being born again.

But I still feel disappointed that I was dumped after the World Cup. I couldn't get time off from work, and after that, they never picked me again. But others who couldn't play at various times, were brought back — Gary Byrne, for instance, Attila Abonyi, and even Peter Wilson after a long absence. And they took Jim Tansley even before he was naturalised.

I was disappointed by the ASF, for hiring the wrong coaches, some of whom just came for the money, while well-qualified people, with coaching diplomas and a genuine love of the game, couldn't get in.

ON DECLINING SKILLS:

'Soccer loses fans as it loses its art.'

6 Soccer has changed completely be-cause almost all coaches are stopping skill. You can't dribble anymore. Coaches don't want imagination. Players with excellent skill and imagination aren't allowed to stop the ball and use their talent.

Soccer is just discipline, running and sim-plicity, and soccer loses its fans as it loses its art.

Look at even Germany. Once they had the best soccer, now people are getting bored with the running and the fighting.

Highly skilful players are rare in Australia, but even they are changed by coaches.

Oscar Crino is one of the rare breed. He is brilliant.

I watched Frank Farina play in the World Youth Championships in Mexico. I saw speed and enthusiasm, but little skill. Then I

celent skill. He's a brilliant player, but it looks like often he's not allowed to stop the ball.

Fabio Incantallupo also has skill, but in the national youth team he seemed scared, as if he wanted to get rid of the ball as quickly as possible.

I see Australian teams, and I see no skill. But I look at the players individually, and I see skilful players. It is up to the coaches to use the skill, to bring it out. Tactics can be varied to use the skill. Let's not play just like machines, with 150 per cent fitness and no art. Soccer is being killed like that. Everyone is playing the same — and everyone can be matched by equal fighting and running and

You cannot match Brazilians because they are not predictable. They change the pace of the game all the time. They change the tac-tics, the positions — everything. The full backs come up and score goals, and the centre backs too!

We have many good coaches — but most of them make mistakes in one area or another. And they aren't friendly with each other.

I think the ASF should bring in a top over-seas coach every year, to run seminars and to conduct courses at which locals can gain their coaching diplomas.

We had Ron Greenwood here last year — and that was a good idea. We should have a Brazilian this year, a German next year, a Yugoslav after that, then a Russian, and an Iranian, and so on.



Marko Perinovic

John Charlton

Arrows draw in Hobart

By WALTER PLESS

JUVENTUS-PIONEER 1 (Ward, pen. 54). **CANBERRA ARROWS 1** (Reece 51) at South Hobart, Saturday. HT: 0-0 Att: 500 Ref: D. D'Abate.

JUVENTUS: Craven — Pears, Di Martino, Charlton, Darko — Genovesi, Pace, Kent, Longo (Fabrizio 60) — Ward, Broadhouse.

CANBERRA: Franken — Ambrosino (Barnett 69), Jones, Ontong, Young — Mihalidis, Hogg, Bryant — Reece, Perinovic, Phillips.

Juventus seemed in awe of its mainland guests for the first 20 minutes and was, in fact, lucky not to concede a goal twice in the opening 45 seconds when first Charlton, then Di Martino, stumbled over the ball while in possession in the last line of defence.

But the side managed to calm its nerves and gave as good as it got for the remainder of the game.

Reece and Phillips showed plenty of acceleration and skill early on and it looked as if they would fully test the Juventus defence.

Juventus showed that it intended to make a game of it in the 22nd minute, however, when Pears' deep cross from the right was flicked on by Broadhouse for Ward to smack against a post.

Five minutes later,

Canberra counter-attacked quickly and Bryant's immaculate cross found Reece whose superb diving header hit the crossbar.

Juventus had two more chances to break the deadlock before the interval.

Longo expertly ran the ball through the Arrows' defence, which was coming out rapidly, but the youngster shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

A minute later, Bruce Ward's delicate chip-cross, following a short pass from Longo, bounced off the top of the bar.

Arrows took the lead in the 51st minute when Perinovic's low drive was parried by Craven to the feet of Reece who easily slotted it home. Juventus equalised three minutes later when Charlton's free kick was handled by Jones, allowing Ward to score from the penalty spot.

Doug Collins was generally pleased with his team's first match of the season while Ken Morton's outfit showed that it won't relinquish its Cadbury State League title lightly.

Doug Collins interviewed

Q. How have you settled in at Canberra?

Very well. I'm enjoying it and liking the place. I think we're getting the team into shape although we've got two players, Tommy Smerani and Frank Farina, still to arrive. A third player, Steve Hogg, played with us today. All three have assured us that they're going to join us so it's just a question of how long it takes.

Q. What is the situation with Tony Brennan?

Tony is on the transfer list and as far as I'm concerned he will not play for the club this season. He's had a chance to move to two clubs and he's refused them both, and refused a new contract with us. He won't be in my squad this season.

Q. How have your four new players from the Australian Institute of Sport settled in?

They've settled in very well. Obviously it helps that they've been in Canberra for the past two years anyway, so they haven't been too much of a problem at all.

Q. How do you think the team will do this season?

Very difficult, because it's virtually a new side but I'm very happy with the way things are going. Everybody's enthusiastic and I think we've got the quality to surprise a few people.

Q. What is your opinion of the new national league set-up?

Well, at this stage I wouldn't like to comment on it except to say that it seems a little biased towards the two big cities but, we'll just have to wait and see. It's difficult to judge at this stage.

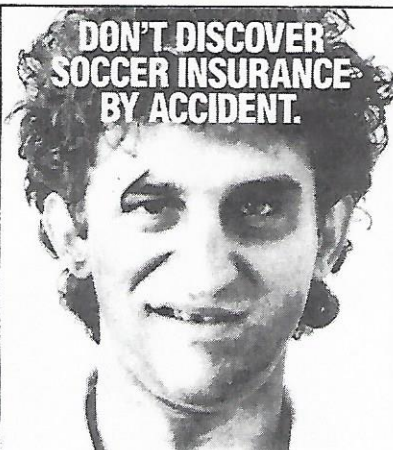
Q. By being in Canberra, do you feel that you're out of the mainstream of Australian soccer?

Well, the idea originally was to help the outer city clubs. All I can do is wait and see and pass judgement later on.

Q. Who were your best players today and what did you think of Juventus?

Reece, definitely, and Phillips showed glimpses of what he can really do. Juventus played well and they can be really pleased with getting a draw.

— WALTER PLESS



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By ALEX VESIC

A crowd in excess of 10,000! That's the prediction for Sunday's colourful clash between Sydney Croatia and Olympic in the quarter-finals of the 1984 NSW Ampol Cup.

Both teams love to go forward and both command a huge, vocal following. Make no mistake about it. This will be a game fought under a highly charged atmosphere and could be one of the highlights of the season.

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Hakoah beat Canterbury: Marrickville last weekend but runs into APIA Leichhardt this Friday. Should Hakoah win, it faces the prospect of tangling with Marconi which goes into Friday's other quarter-final as favorite to down Blacktown City, while St George should beat Penrith on Sunday.

St George 1 Melita Eagles 0

Terry Greedy, the recently retired goalkeeper of Australia and St. George made a brief reappearance for his old club to snatch victory out of Melita's hands.

And just as Greedy did the job for Arok two years ago at Penrith in a Grand Final match against Sydney City, he returned to thwart Melita with uncanny ease.

His save from Wayne Farnsworth from the penalty spot will be talked about for some time to come. Farnsworth's attempt was only parried by Greedy. The ball came straight back to Farnsworth but yet again our came Greedy to block.

Unbelievably, the ball again fell to Farnsworth and again Greedy saved it. To make matters worse, Farnsworth had a similar opportunity in the last minute of the match but Greedy came off his line to dive at the feet of the Melita striker and his save sent the game into extra time.

Melita Stadium was reduced to a huge pool of water as the teams lined up for extra time. A tremendous downpour threatened to halt the game but the players slogged on to the bitter end — especially bitter for Melita.

St. George coach Frank Arok, that astute judge of timing, sent in Pedro Ricoy in place of Mark Barton in the 88th minute and bingo, only six minutes later, Ricoy went into the area then to the buy line before squeezing his shot from an incredibly acute angle past McPherson to make it 1-0. Saints now will live to fight another day while Melita is left to ponder on what might have been. Some Melita officials were unhappy with the decision to disallow appeals for a goal by Farnsworth in the second half when the ball looked to have crossed the goal line.

Croatia 2 Yugal 0

Despite its territorial advantage, Croatia failed to make any inroads until Steve Meades cut across the area to stab in a low shot which took a deflection before going past Peter Berry.

Yugal continued to play second fiddle and almost gave away yet another goal two minutes later when Shane Clinch faced Berry but lobbed too high. Minutes later Clinch again had a chance but missed. Berry made a great save from Meades in the 69th minute just before Croatia struck again. Clinch braved through yet again and this time hit the underside of the bar. It looked as if the ball was over the line but the referee allowed play to go on until Paul Kirwan pushed the ball into the net.

Olympic 6 Blacktown 1

Marshall Soper and Jimmy Patikas missed opportunities.

Thomson wants striker

Hakoah 2 Canterbury 1

Most of the excitement in this scrappy and uneventful fixture was off the field, behind the scenes, in the form of the non-appearance of the bulk of the Hakoah squad.

Player of the Year Joe Watson, as well as Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson, Tony Pezzano, Grant Lee, Willie Murray and Paul Kay, are demanding better terms than those on offer from the club management.

As a result the Hakoah team resembled more its youth squad than its NSL outfit.

This didn't prevent coach Eddie Thomson from predicting that "We'll be there again at the finish."

He is confident that all of the "rebels" will sign on the dotted line within the next couple of weeks, during which time John Kosmina and Jim Cant — presently on the injured list — also will be back on deck.

Cant suffers from a twisted knee, while the Socceroo skipper is recovering from tonsillitis.

Thomson, however, was unequivocal about the Blue's need for a top notch striker.

"We haven't replaced David Mitchell when he transferred to Glasgow Rangers — and we must," he said.

Now the Hakoah coach, who is nominally also manager of the team, must do battle with his tight-fisted committee to get his way, and the outcome will be watched with much interest by the soccer fraternity.

More interest I might add than the match itself, which was characterized by enthusiastic flurries of attacks by Canterbury's young strikers, which got them nowhere.

Hakoah concentrated on counter-punching, which paid off in two goals, Dounis only scoring a face-saver six minutes from the end.

It's early days yet for Hakoah, and better ones are sure to come in the months ahead.

— PETER SCOTT

Wolf cubs have bite

APIA 2 Wollongong 1

Coach Adrian Alston's gamble on youth appears to be paying off, if Wollongong's first outing of the season is anything to go by.

Fielding only one regular player from 1983, Wollongong's "babes" gave as much as they got against far more experienced APIA.

Playing with the enthusiasm of a bunch of kids eager to establish themselves in a National League side, Wollongong should have opened the scoring in the first part of the match when a header from 1983 survivor Ray Vilestira beat Parkes but Spina cleared on the line.

APIA too had a great chance when John Bradley hit the upright with goalkeeper Ton Tilsed beaten.

In the second half, Parkes did well to tip a shot on the turn from Fontana over the bar as Wollongong began to pile on the pressure. The match went into extra time and all the action came in the second period.

De Ceglie put APIA ahead with a superb right shot but Wollongong replied almost immediately with a more spectacular shot from Bundulo, a midfielder with infinite talent.

But as the young Wollongong players were celebrating, they fell into the trap of losing their concentration.

Within a minute APIA was back in front when Gray nipped in to score the winner.

— PHILIP MICALFEE

back to score two goals each in a runaway win to Olympic.

Soper missed an open goal in the second minute, then Patikas hit the upright after 15 minutes.

Then came a major shock — Hassan El Housseini scrambled the ball over the line in the 28th minute and for a brief moment Blacktown looked capable of taking this one out.

But just six minutes later Chris Kalantzis crossed and Soper, cool as you like, trapped, before hitting a strong drive past Giffin to make it 1-1.

With three minutes to go in this half, following a free kick from the right, Roy Agostino scored an own goal, followed by yet another own goal on the stroke of half time by Meerbaani. That certainly broke the camel's back.

Blacktown's tough tackling and mean looking in the first half, paved in to concede three more goals, two by Patikas and one by Soper (a penalty), but it could have been much worse had Mark Koussas converted at least three easy chances.

Penrith 0 Auburn 0

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NSW AMPOL CUP

Ampol Cup NSW — Second Round

MARCONI 3 (Winn 1st, 35th, Brown 65th), **SUTHERLAND 0**

MARCONI: James Djordjevic, R. Licata, Budini, Henderson, Calderan, Carbone, Carrizo, Brown, Winn, Jankovic (Lowe 46).

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Webber, Cashman, Dalforno, (Parsons 80), Johnstone, Rogers, Harrington, Groom, Hughes, Harrington, Groom, Hughes, Harrington.

SYDNEY CITY-HAKOAH 2 (Gomez 15th, Fletcher 57th), **CANTERBURY 1** (Dounis 74th)

HAKOAH: Clarke, O'Rourke, Ree, Gomez, Lynch, Barnes, Boden, De Marigny (Paterson 48), Rodriguez, Fletcher, A. Bottalico.

CANTERBURY: Elzein, Antonopolis, Laws, Delfakis, Phillipou, Anagnostopoulos, Fernatis, Petras (Doukakis 58), Dounis, Iomaidis (Papadopoulos 58).

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (de Ceglie 91st, Gray 93rd), **WOLLONGONG CITY 1** (Bundulo 92nd)

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks, Spina, Zeras, Bottalico, Pullen, Gray, Butler, de Ceglie, Bradley, Caban, Giampaolo (Jones).

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Vilestira, Hristovski, Kerr, Condron, Bundulo, Kotamantas, Ristovski, Fontana, Kukulovski (Beggs).

BLACKTOWN CITY 1, POLONIA 0

CROATIA 2 (Meades 30th, Kirwan 69th) **YUGAL 0**

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Basic, Rezo, Sterrey, Vidaic, Meades (Tolic), Savor Arnold, Clinch, Kirwan.

YUGAL: Berry, Gogic, Forster, Clarke, Cummings, Pahor, Tokoglu, Zivkovic (Jesic), Earl, McGrath (Bonici), Tanoski.

OLYMPIC 6 (Patikas 50th, 72nd, Soper 34th, 80th, Agostino o.g. 37th), **MEERBAANI o.g. 40th**

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 1 (El Housseini 28th)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Naumov, Phillips, Kalantzis, (Nocera), Patikas, Soper, Katholos, Koussas.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Giffin, Kennedy, Blackburn, Agostino, Parker, Meerbaani, Dolton, Cardillo, (Hasnic), Badaway, Hassan, El Housseini.

PENRITH CITY 0 AUBURN URUGUAY 0. Penrith won 5-4 on penalties. Penalty scorers: Campbell, Daley, Lomas, Waterspoon, Nix (Penrith), James, Terre, Kelly, Townsend (Auburn).

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Lomas, Campbell, Daley, Anderson (Hale), Waterspoon, Cotton, Nix, Fitzharris (Manning).

AUBURN URUGUAY: Rosano, Parfitt, Geekie (Nelson 90'), Planinic, Bobanic, Smith, Jones, Townsend, Manges (Terre 40'), Carney.

MELITA EAGLES 0 ST GEORGE 1 (Ricoy 94th)

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, McDonald, Barrios, McAusland, Davies, Duarte (Pucar 60'), Farnsworth, Andricopoulos, Johnstone, McKie (Sertbas 66').

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Barton, (Ricoy 88') Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Petkovski, J. O'Shea, Marton.

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Skeen great as Saints win Cup

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 3 (Petkovski 45th, Slater 59th, Marton 67th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Patikas 69th, 90th). Challenge Cup Final at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5260. Referee: Tony Boskovic (inj. Rampley 1st 8).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 9 (Young 50th, 7), Skeen 9, R. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, Barton 5, Stone 1, J. O'Shea 6, Petkovski 6 (Kocaka 71st), Marton 8 (Svynos 80th). Coach: Frank Arok.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Moier 6, Rogers 6, Jennings 7, Dakos 7, Naumov 6, Phillips 7, Patalis 5 (Katholou 66th), Patikas 9, Raskopoulos 6, Koussas 5, Soper 6. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

St George Budapest started its 1984 campaign in the right fashion by winning this Challenge Cup. Four teams took part but there was never any doubt that the tournament was going to provide the same cup final — NSL champ St George against NSL Cup winner Olympic.

This Challenge Cup was yet another idea from Frank Arok, two-time winner of the Coach of the Year award, and despite the fact that the tournament was played in summer it was a successful venture. Crowds turned up in their thousands and there was no lack of excitement on the field or the terraces. The soccer played was in tune with the title of the cup — challenging to say the least.

There was no favourite going into this final but Saints, after some sloppy first half work, turned on brilliant, attacking play to subdue the National Cup holder and take the first of Australia's version of the English F.A.'s Charity Shield.

Olympic started in a fast and determined mood, stretching Saints far and wide to create early openings. However, good goalkeeping by Mike Frazer and poor shooting by some Olympic forwards enabled the home side to survive. Then came the goal, on the stroke of half-time, which lifted the league champion to a far greater effort early in the second half.

By ALEX VESIC

Peter Stone and David Skeen combined to open Olympic's defence and have Skeen gallop past two defenders before sending in a low cross for Peter Petkovski to dive and score.

Saints came back after half time determined to attack and not hang on to their slender lead as expected. Robie Slater and Dez Marton combined cleverly to deceive the Olympic backline and Slater increased Saints lead in the 59th minute. Then Maton, with one of those easy-as-you-like goals, made sure of victory.

Jimmy Patikas, with his brisk runs and entertaining ideas, scored only two minutes later. In the 69th minute to make it 3-1 and offer his side a glimmer of hope but apart from a last minute second goal by Patikas, Olympic never looked capable of doing damage.

However, not all was rosy for St George. Goalkeeper Mike Frazer was carried off the field after clashing with Marshall Soper shortly after half time and looks like being sidelined for a while.

Soper, who returned as captain for this encounter, did little to justify claims to the title. During the first period he made some inroads only to fade during the second half. Some of his tackles were far from stylish and once again he was given a yellow card, this time by Peter Rampley for a tackle on Kocaka.

Michael O'Shea also was the recipient of a similar award from Rampley during the second period.

Mike O'Shea has had a lot of confrontations with Soper during the past year and their own "Challenge Cup" appeared to continue during this tournament.

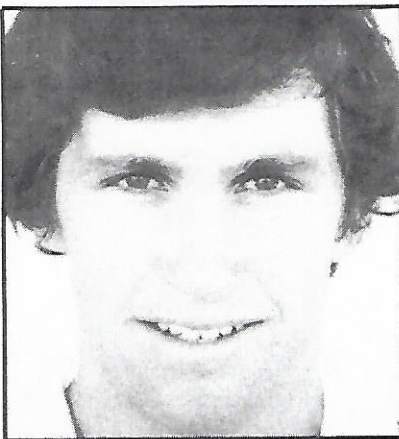
Patikas was in fine form and almost had Frazer beaten after 10 minutes but for a brave dive by the Saints' keeper.

However, Patikas managed to score two goals and was his side's most valuable player. Tony Dakos, Graham Jennings, Gary Phillips and during the first period, Soper, looked good and managed to raise their large contingent of

supporters to their feet, but the other players need some work before the season kicks off.

Marton, that old maestro, continues to impress with his skills. Olympic failed to cover him and paid in full for its mistake. The Marton pass to Slater for the second goal was the real killer, while his third, somewhat lucky, did what the doctor ordered for Saints — put the issue beyond doubt.

Frazer and Peter Stone had solid games, but above all it was David Skeen who shone throughout this match. He would have to have been the player of the tournament.



St George right back David Skeen

A \$68,000 Challenge

Handy profits were made by the four participating clubs from the pre-season tournament at Sydney's St George stadium.

The four sessions of football resulted in gate takings of \$68,000.

If proof was needed of the multitudes' hunger for good competitive stuff, this was it. Before the "last" was split, an attempt by the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs to horn in on this mini bonanza had to be fought off.

They requested 10 per cent of the profit, on the pre-

text that the tournament, which pitted Budapest against Olympic, Croatia and Melita Eagles, was interfering with the prominence and promotion of the Ampol Cup.

The invitation to forego part of the profits was politely declined.

After prizemoney, based on placings, was allocated, a further \$2000 each was paid to St George Budapest by the other three clubs in lieu of ground rental, still leaving a hefty five figure sum as net profit for each outfit.

— PETER SCOTT.

SERTBAS WINS IT

MELITA EAGLES 1 (Sertbas 82nd) CROATIA 0. Play-off for third and fourth places at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5260. Referee: Davies 8.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 9, Williams 6, Barrios 5, McDonald 6, McKusland 6, Davies 7, Allan 8, Johnstone 7, Duarte 5, Gavin 5 (Pucar 55th, 5), McKie 5 (Sertbas 46th, 5). Coach: Raul Blanco.

CROATIA: Mikileic 6, Woods 6, A. Kovacic 7, M. Kovacic 7, Sterrey 6 (Basic 70), Vidaic 6, Rezo 7, Meades 6, Arnold 5, Clinch 6, Kirwan 6 (Savor 50th, 5). Coach: Ati Abonyi.

With very little at stake, Croatia and Melita showed unusual zest during the first period. The battle for possession was fierce with neither side keen to concede to the other so im-

portant a confidence booster before the start of the National League.

Croatia had its full complement of players, minus Steve Watson of course, but Melita had far too many players missing to hope for much. Ray Farrugia, its Maltese international midfielder, Greg McCoy and Bob McGinn, two central defenders, were missing and it created too much of a hole against an efficient Croatia.

However, Croatia decided to play with its new style backline with Alex Kovacic, Bruno Vidaic, Lee Sterrey and Brett Woods at the back plus Marian Kovacic as a "corrector", an

almost impenetrable wall with Kovacic at the back of it all, clearing for Croatia.

Shane Clinch and Steve Meades are yet to settle into their new outfit while Wally Savor looked sluggish. That was enough to see Melita attain some superiority in midfield with Don Allan finding a new lease of life and controlling proceedings.

With eight minutes remaining, Melita scored the winner. Stuart Johnstone worked hard on the right hand side to find space for a low cross and Birrol Sertbas was on hand to head past Mikileic.

— ALEX VESIC

NSL '84 fixtures released

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The National League has released its 1984 fixtures, and has altered the format of this year's National Cup.

The first-round league games on March 4 are mostly local derbies:

Blacktown v Sydney City Hakoah

Canberra Arrows v Marconi

Melita Eagles v Croatia (NSW)

Penrith v Newcastle KB Utd

St George Budapest v Sydney Olympic

West Adelaide Hellas v Adelaide City Juventus

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions

Sunshine-George Cross v Green Gully Ajax

Juventus v Croatia (Vic)

Preston-Makedonia v Footscray J.U.S.T.

South Melbourne Hellas v Heidelberg-Alexander.

The first round is a so-called "intra-conference challenge round", whose matches were chosen by the NSL.

The National Cup will be played during the four-week break in the competition in June. An international tournament is planned during the break.

The 24 NSL clubs will be split into six groups of four clubs each.

The teams in each group will play each other once on June 3, 9 and 17.

The group winners and the best two runners-up will advance into the quarter-finals, to be played on June 20.

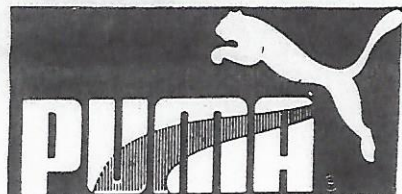
The semi-finals will be staged on June 24 and the final on July 1.

Youth team handed to Sports Institute

The Institute of Sport in Canberra took over responsibility for the national youth team yesterday (Tuesday).

The Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, Mr Brown, and the president of the ASF, Sir Arthur George, have announced that the Institute's soccer coach, Jim Shoulder, will be in charge of the youth team, and that federal funds will help meet the cost of the team's tours.

The youth team played in the finals of the World Youth Championships in Mexico last year.



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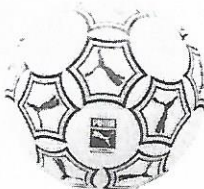


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By LAURIE SCHWAB

He's back

Slobodan Jovanovic, that most skilful of midfielders, is back after a 12-month absence, full of enthusiasm and looking forward to lifting Sunshine-George Cross to prominence in the NSL.

Jovanovic, 30, was transferred from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$6000 last week.

He joined Don MacLaren from Canberra Arrows as George Cross's second recruit of the season — but other deals were under way as we went to Press.

At George Cross, Jovanovic completed a mid-field that includes also John Stevenson (ex-Sydney Hakoah, SM-Hellas), Gerry Bennett (ex-Ajax and SM-Hellas) and MacLaren.

And the "Georgie" fans are looking forward to the skills with which Jovanovic delighted the J.U.S.T. fans from 1979 to 1982.

"We need a couple more players to be a really good side, but I'm sure we'll get them," Jovanovic says.

"And Tommy Traynor is a very good coach. I have had a lot of coaches in my soccer life, but Traynor is one of the best. He has good practice, good training. We had a hard pre-season, but he built the players up slowly — the right way. He is very good."

In early practice matches, Traynor's troupe beat Makedonia 2-1, and Heidelberg 2-1, but lost 4-4 to Croatia.

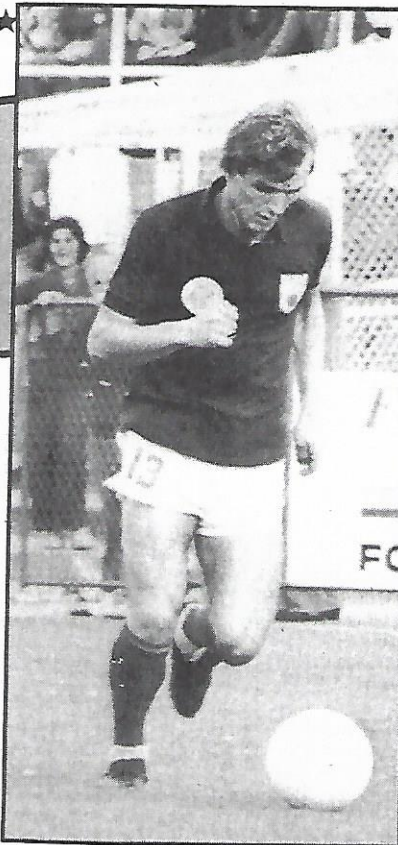
Although George Cross has a good midfield, its attack has shown a lack of pace, and Traynor is expected to direct his

energies towards rectifying that weakness.

Jovanovic had a stormy four seasons with J.U.S.T. after arriving from Belgrade. He had started with the Red Star juniors at the age of only 10, and later had seven seasons with Hajduk Belgrade in the top local league.

He had a good future in Yugoslav soccer, but when his mates Rade Jovicic and Zoran Todorovic decided to try their luck in Australia, Jovanovic went with them. Ironically, Jovanovic was the only one who made it with J.U.S.T.

The other two went home again without making much of an impression. "At first, I wanted to



Slobodan Jovanovic in action for his former club, Footscray J.U.S.T.

stay only three years and then go home, but I met my wife, Jasmine, and decided to stay for good," he says. Slobodan and Jasmine

Jovanovic to George Cross for \$6,000

have a house at Deer Park, which is between Sunshine, where George Cross plays, and St Albans, home of "Georgie's" arch-rival, Green Gully-Ajax.

"I had good times at J.U.S.T., but I also had trouble there," Jovanovic says.

"In February last year, I bought my house, and I was fixing it up, so I couldn't come to training for a month."

"The coach, Bobby McLachlan, and the president, Zika Karic, were disappointed with me when I came back, and Karic said I had broken my contract."

"Under the contract, I had a \$5000 signing-on fee, but Karic cut it down to \$3000. I said OK, I'll still play. But then he said he would divide the \$3000 by 26 games and I said no, I'm not happy, so they put me on transfer. . . but not until two months later."

"George Cross supporters came to me and they asked me to join their club. I said OK, but I heard Karic wanted

money for me and I decided not to play for the rest of the year. I went to Yugoslavia on holidays and I finally joined George Cross after coming back."

Jovanovic also had trouble with J.U.S.T. after his first year there. He claimed the club was withholding money it owed him, so he went to court, and won his case.

Jovanovic had great respect for former J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic and he admires present-day J.U.S.T. star Gary McDowell.

"But J.U.S.T. needs attacking players," he says. "I don't know what happened to Lujic. He doesn't score anymore."

He rates Lujic highly, however, and his player preferences reflect the sort of player he is himself — Ken Boden, Frank Farina, Jim Patikas, Lujic, David Lowe, Robbie Slater — all players of skill.

At George Cross Jovanovic plays left midfield — and it will be his through balls that create goals just as they created goals for J.U.S.T.

Pashalis Tzintzis arrives at last

When Pashalis Tzintzis lined up alongside unfamiliar players like "Tiger" Amnatidis, John Mataxias, Theo Vagias and Robert Krajacic in the Heidelberg-Alexander team for the start of the 1984 Buffalo Gold Summer Cup, most fans thought he, like the others, were just there as "emergencies" to help make up the numbers.

Gary Cole, Jim Tarsey, Jeff Oliver and Jim Campbell were in dispute with the club and refusing to play; Don MacLeod was suspended and Charlie Yankos was overseas.

What choice did Heidelberg have, but to play "reserves"?

Opinions changed, though, after this young team had drawn 1-1 with Juventus, rebuilt at a cost of \$30,000.

And the player who changed most people's minds was Tzintzis, the Heidelberg striker.

This boy was classy.

He was deadly too, and quick as the wind!

And he had scored Heidelberg's equalising goal into the bargain.

After such a debut, Tzintzis won't hear of losing his position in the senior team once Heidelberg has completed its player dealings.

"I'm very confident I'll stay in," he said this week.

"I expected a much higher standard but I had prepared myself well, because I had done the pre-season training with Heidelberg, and I'd got myself just as fit as the others."

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Tzintzis has trained pre-season with Heidelberg for quite a few years now, just to see how he compared with NSL players. Each year, he returned to lower leagues after that early-season training stint, but this time he decided to go all-out for a yellow-and-black shirt.

He's served an apprenticeship which has taken him from Greece, to West Germany, back to Greece and then to Australia — an apprenticeship which has filled his bookshelves with best player trophies.

Born in Serres, Greece, Tzintzis moved with his parents to West Germany at a young age.

He played for three years with the juniors of Ohlting near Duesseldorf, top-scoring in two

of those years although he played not in attack, but in central midfield.

The Tzintzis family then returned to Greece, and young Pashalis — they call him Paul here — attended boarding school at Sidirocastro, where he continued his soccer.

But the travel bug wouldn't let go.

Next stop for the family was Australia, and Pashalis wasted no time looking for a club. Clayton was the one he chose but he couldn't speak English when he joined the under 15s and, playing as a right winger, readily admits he had a poor season.

That changed the following years, however, when he was voted most promising player in the under 16s, and finished the season as top scorer.

A transfer to Springvale City followed, and in his first year there, he was voted best and fairest in the under 19, and top-scored with about 40 goals.

Promoted to Springvale's seniors, Tzintzis moved from centre forward to the right wing, scored seven goals and again was voted best and fairest player.

Yet South Oakleigh bought him for a measly \$200.

And his talent now was more evident than

• Pashalis Tzintzis



South Oakleigh he was top scorer not only for his club, but also in the entire Fourth Division (26 goals).

He repeated that feat in the 1983 season, this time with 23 goals.

But he was disappointed when he decided to transfer to Heidelberg.

"I had made a deal with South Oakleigh under which I believed that my maximum transfer fee was to be \$1750," he said.

"But the club told me that figure was not the maximum — but rather the minimum."

And so, Heidelberg had to pay \$4500 for him — a hefty fee for a player from the lower leagues.

Because of the turmoil at Heidelberg the

Summer Cup game — against Juventus — did not get together until two days before the match — in a training game against Sunshine-George Cross.

But it took none of the shine off Tzintzis's elevation to the big time.

"I loved that game against Juventus," he says.

"It was difficult at first, because Juventus marked us very tightly, but as I relaxed, I started to gain confidence — and I guess the opposition wasn't as strong as I thought it would be."

"In the second half, when we were down by one goal, Scott Patton

scored from the right. I didn't know whether to hit it first-time or stop it first. I decided to stop it, and pick my spot, and I was lucky enough to score. It was a great feeling."

Tzintzis, 21 on March 15, now is looking forward to playing against Croatia at Olympic Park on Friday.

"They've looked the best team," he said. "They're well co-ordinated, they have good understanding between players, they play simple one-touch soccer and they're very quick. I think they'll be the team to beat in the championship."

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Slater slicker for stint with Forest

Robbie Slater, after a trial with Nottingham Forest, has been offered a professional contract by Brian Clough — and after watching Robbie play in the Challenge Cup final between St George and Olympic (3-2), I'm not at all surprised.

He's looking a much more mature player and he has a lot more confidence on the ball, shielding it well and shuffling off tackles without any problems.

He's certainly looking sharp and fit — and that's the trademark of the English professionals with whom he rubbed shoulders at Forest.

Robbie scored one goal and was involved in many other dangerous forward moves in St George's 3-2 victory over Olympic last week. St George is asking for a transfer fee of \$30,000, which, from the club's point of view, is not a lot of money.

Saints argue they gave Robbie his chance in first grade, and developed him as a player.

As for Robbie, he says: "How can the club ask for \$30,000 for you, when it gives you only \$100 a game?"

Both parties are right, and I hope a solution is found.

But to Forest, let me say that \$30,000 is peanuts if you really want Robbie Slater.

He's coming back next month to play another season with Marconi, but after that, it's back to England.

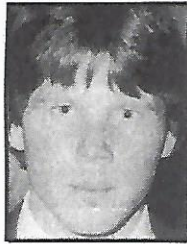
Good luck, guys.

Less reward for effort

I hear some clubs intend cutting out signing-on fees this season to minimise expenses.

I realise most clubs have financial problems and the only way to survive is to keep costs at a minimum, but looking at it from the player's point of view, it's very frustrating.

The fans expect to see a good spectacle for their money. They want to see players performing at a



Robbie Slater

high standard, but to do that, players have to train hard, produce a lot of effort, and make personal sacrifices.

The clubs want more from the players but at the same time, they want to give them less in return. I believe that if they cut payments, the clubs won't get as much enthusiasm or as much effort from the players in the long run.

If a club draws 2000 to a game — every club should be able to do that — and plays 14 home matches — that's a total of \$140,000 from the gate alone. Players are the least expense when you consider that it is they who are selling the product.

Mergers pay off

Bankstown and Auburn have amalgamated with Lebanese and Uruguayan interests respectively, and as soccer in this country is backed mainly by ethnic communities, it appears a very good move indeed, especially since neither group had a major soccer connection previously.

Auburn, under Lubo Gokovic who took Sydney City to the national youth title last season, should provide a reasonable side and is sure to win more games than it loses.

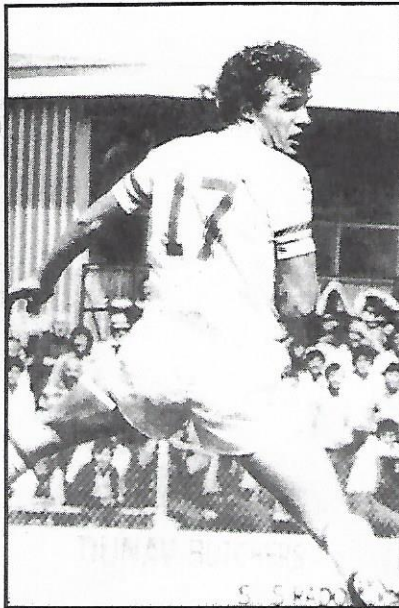
Nick to put on pressure

Nick Theodorakopoulos, from my old club Canterbury-Marrickville, is Sydney Olympic's latest signing, and if he scores goals with the same regularity as last season, he should keep Marshall Soper and Mark Koussas on their toes.

Nick was top scorer in the State League last season, but listen to this: HE WAS TURNED AWAY WHEN HE TRIALLED FOR OLYMPIC'S YOUTH TEAM LAST SEASON!

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IAN HUNTER LINKS WITH COTTON



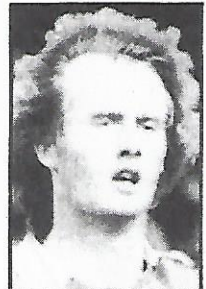
Ian Hunter — up for a header

Ian Hunter switched from Marconi to Penrith City last week for \$14,000 and he'll link up with another new Penrith recruit, Roy Cotton, recently signed from Wollongong for \$7,000.

Hunter is a former Australian youth team captain who turned in outstanding performances during the 1981 World Youth Cup finals here.

He made 15 appearances for the national youth team, 12 in full internationals, and scored three goals.

Hunter joined Marconi from Blacktown in 1982 and was initially transferred by Marconi at \$20,000.



Roy Cotton

Richard Wilson on the move

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson has asked Makedonia for a transfer, and is willing to move interstate.

Clubs can contact him at home on (03) 20-3316.

Wilson, 27, said his contract with Makedonia had expired and that while the club wanted to take up an option on him, the parties were unable to agree on terms.

Wilson joined Makedonia in a \$12,000 transfer from Canberra Arrows in 1981. The Makedonia goalkeeping position

has reverted to Steve Potter who, ironically, was displaced by Wilson when Wilson returned with the Kiwis from the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Wilson, who played for Christchurch United before coming to Australia, has made 38 appearances for New Zealand.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Richard Wilson

Jan Kierno stays put

The NSL is the poorer for Jan Kierno's decision to stay with Polonia in the South Australian State League.

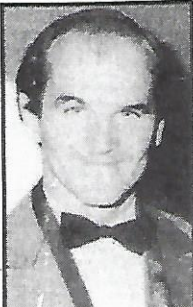
Adelaide City Juventus had tried to sign Kierno, who won the 1983 SA Rothmans Medal.

Polonia also tried to make Kierno's transfer possible.

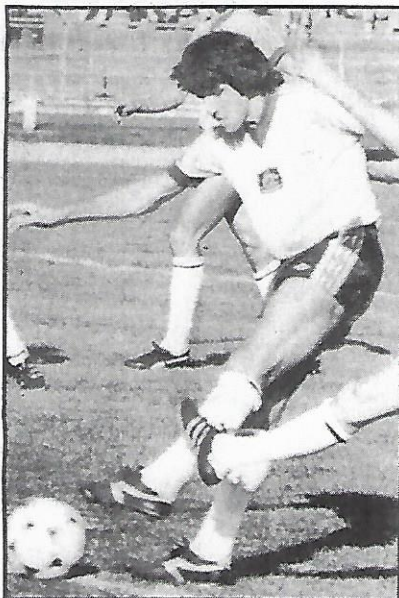
Its secretary, John Sosnowski, even proposed that Juventus be allowed to write to the Polish Soccer Federation to ask for the transfer, as Polonia agreed at the time Kierno came to Australia, not to release him to another Australian club unless it is Polish-sponsored.

"I believe it is only fair for Jan to be given the chance to play for Adelaide City," Sosnowski said.

However, after further talks, Kierno has decided to stay with Polonia.



Boden loyal—will others follow?



Sydney City Hakoah convinced striker Kenny Boden to turn his back on an offer from Penrith City last week but is having a much harder time trying to get Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor, Willie Murray, Tony Pezzano and Grant Lee to follow in Boden's footsteps.

Not that Penrith is in the market for the disgruntled Hakoah quintet, which is yet to come to terms with Hakoah over new contracts.

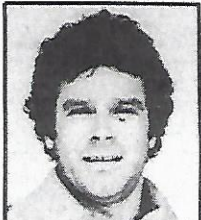
Boden lives near the Penrith area and was expected to join the National League fledgling club but the persuasive oratory of Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson convinced Boden to stay.

Hakoah probably will rely on Thomson's communicative skills to now convince Watson, O'Connor, Murray, Pezzano and Lee to stay as the first team squad is alarmingly short of depth in their absence.

Ken Boden, NSL top scorer of 1978, in action for Australia.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Perin wants to coach in Melbourne



John Perin wants a coaching job in Melbourne.

He played for Juventus in Melbourne in the early seventies, and his wife is from Melbourne.

Perin spent 18 years with Adelaide City, the last of them as coach, but he quit early in 1983 after disagreements with part of the committee.

One of the finest players to grace South Australian soccer, Perin operated first in midfield and later as sweep-

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Biskic and Gojevic keep Bannon busy

**Juventus 1
Croatia 1**

Scorers: Parton (C) 47th; Zinni (J) 51st.

Both teams buzzed with life and enthusiasm and the thrill of the new — not only their new NSL status but, in Juventus's case, the presence of new players.

In contrast, Hellas, J.U.S.T. and Ajax had been staid and flat, except for some notable individuals like Oscar Crino and Doug Brown.

Joey Biskic and Steve Gojevic ripped open the Juventus flanks with some brilliantly creative play — Biskic in the first half, Gojevic in the second — but it's from the middle that goals are scored, and that's where Croatia ran into Paddy Bannon who was as impenetrable as a brick wall.

Both goalkeepers — Peter Blasby and Sean Keogh — also contributed to a scoreline which could have reached mammoth proportions had all the chances been taken.

Croatia lined up with no changes to the team that had beaten Makedonia 3-0 in the first round, while Juventus brought in John Dowie, its recruit from Devon, for his first game in the black and white strip.

Gary Ward was on the bench because he'd spent a week in Singapore on holidays, and Kevin Swinscoe played as stopper because Richard Miranda was ill.

Croatia had been expected to win comfortably, due to its good form against Makedonia, and because Juventus still has problems in mid-field.

But the average spectator had forgotten the fact that Juventus beat Croatia last season, and that its coach John Margitis is one of the shrewdest tacticians around.

Croatia brought its fans to their feet as early as the ninth minute when Tommy Cumming put the ball into the net with a low shot off the inside of the post. The cheers subsided quickly, though, as the goal was disallowed because a fellow forward had been offside as Cumming took his shot.

In the 20th minute, Croatia again came within a whisker of taking the lead. Biskic played the ball square, David Brogan was onto it like a flash, with Keogh beaten, but Vince Bannon made a desperate clearance off the goal line.

The Croatia forward line was operating as an integrated, four-man task force, exerting incredible pressure on the Juventus rearward, but in break-aways, Juventus also looked dangerous.

Dowie obviously lacked fitness after his holiday in Britain, but his through ball for Andrew Zinni in the 24th minute was sheer class. The pass enabled Zinni to beat the offside trap and run into the clear to face Blasby who, however, deflected the shot against the post. It bounced out again to Zinni, but he was at an angle now, and Blasby caught the second shot.

The second half started with another sliderule pass from Dowie, this time finding Rob Cullen in the clear, facing the goalkeeper. Cullen, however, shot the ball weakly, straight at Blasby.

Then came the opening goal — and it fell to Croatia.

Jeff Faulkner wriggled his way out of the middle, to the right side, from where he got in a good cross. Keogh pushed it out from just under the bar, but it went straight to Sean Parton who headed it in.

Margaritis reacted by taking off makeshift stopper Kevin Swinscoe, and bringing on Gary Ward. Dowie was shifted from midfield to the stopper's position, and Kevin Lloyd from attack to midfield.

It didn't take long for Juventus to hit back.

Blasby, in repelling a ball from the left, collided with the goalpost and received medical treatment. From the resultant corner, Joe Sweeney headed the ball down and Zinni scored with a powerful volley. So 51 minutes were gone, and the score stood at 1-1.

Brogan played a classy touch-on for Gojevic who launched a great first-time shot on a slight angle, but Keogh reacted brilliantly, turning the ball for a corner.

Then Biskic cleverly headed the ball back off the goal line to Jozo Antolovic who had the simplest of tasks, only about three metres out, and it was hard to believe that Antolovic actually missed!

Vince Bannon was injured in the 61st minute and replaced by Frank Geremia while, at the same time, Croatia coach Terry Hennessy replaced Biskic with striker Ossie Latif.

Croatia's attacks continued. Gojevic slipped the ball wide to Brogan. Latif was waiting for it in the middle, but Brogan foolishly elected to shoot from an angle, and Keogh was able to push it over the top for a corner.

Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby saves in front of Juventus forward Kevin Lloyd (left). In the background are Tony Curcio, Joe Sweeney and Sean Parton.



Brilliant Hellas striker Doug Brown top scorer in the NSL last season, is tackled by Vlatko Bolic (right) of J.U.S.T. At left is Jamie Paton.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Can Makedonia qualify from

SECTION A

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Croydon	0	2	0	0	0	2
Foots J.U.S.T.	0	1	1	0	1	1
GG-Ajax	0	1	1	0	1	1

This week's games, Saturday from 7.30 pm: Hellas v. Croydon, J.U.S.T. v. Ajax.

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1	1	0	4	1	3
Juventus	0	2	0	2	2	2
Hellas-Alexander	0	2	0	1	1	2
Preston-Makedonia	0	1	1	0	3	1

This week's games, Friday from 7.30 pm: Juventus v. Makedonia, Croatia v. Heidelberg-Alexander.

By LAURIE

Phil O'Connor, rated by many last season, joined Heidelberg contract last Saturday. How action until the start of the NSL unlikely event that Heidelberg Summer Cup semi-finals.

To do so, Heidelberg has to beat 5 Park on Friday.

Don Macleod will be back after in the team as well. He is expected to re he was trialling with Brighton.

Even so, Croatia looks to have too much should get at least a draw, if not a cor

O'Connor, 30, winner of the Boral 1 the Year award last season, signed watched his new club draw with Mako Heidelberg president Sam Goulopou to Melbourne for the semi-finals, if H

If not, O'Connor will tidy up his Melbourne within the next three week

Now, Heidelberg is trying to sign Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jim T more than cover the cost of Heidelberg

If Macleod and Yankos both play present new coach Brian Garvey with Yankos, for example, could play forward sorties could expose Croatia and Jozo Antolovic.

On the other hand, John Spanos cou Such is the nature of the competit each section — Ajax (Section A) and M for the semi-finals.

This would happen if Ajax beats J and if Makedonia beats Juventus whi Let's consider the likelihood of such First Ajax v J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T., has the NSL experience t its best player, Gary McDowell, J.U defence after injury, and Zdravko Lu after injuring a hand at work.

Neither team, however, has show J.U.S.T. doesn't sneak in, the result enough for Ajax.

Richard Miranda and Gary Ward wi Ward will be eager to impress again their third game together. Ward, Joe able to get more done up front, but sup Makedonia improved its lot by s forward line, but wingers George Car expected to set up scoring chances —

Anything can happen in this gam Makedonia because it is a more Makedonia's appearance in the semis

Croydon has been the surprise pack like its chances against Hellas, wh alongside Doug Brown in attack — an duo difficult to counter.

So Hellas should finish first in Groy goal differences.

Croydon does it again

**Croydon 0
Ajax 0**

Ajax had one clear-cut scoring chance, but Willie Vassallo hit the post with only goalkeeper Mike Edwards to beat. For the rest of the time, Croydon stole the show once more.

Having drawn 0-0 with Footscray J.U.S.T. in the first round, Croydon had the option of strengthening its side considerably for this match, by bringing in striker Steve Irvine and goalkeeper Lou Kastner, especially since Edwards had been so shaky against J.U.S.T.

Instead, coach Colin Hasler simply brought Mike Rainey in at right back, and unknown Peter Killey onto the forward line. Irvine and Kastner remained on the bench against the team that had won three successive State League championships!

As it turned out, they weren't needed. Mark Brown was a human whirlwind in midfield, Eddie Ormond won every tackle in defence and was always first to the ball on the ground and in the air, and up front Ian Loughane had opponents tripping over their own feet.

Ajax, once again, was woeful in front of goal. If it doesn't get Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal back, it will have to buy a couple of strikers — and they're rare as hen's teeth at the moment.

Ajax had by far the better of play until Croydon's first good moment, in the 12th minute. It was then that Loughane outplayed Peter Lewis down the left wing and cut the ball back into the goal mouth where, however, Killey couldn't quite reach it.

Jim Williams dominated the left flank for Ajax throughout the match, but had no one in the middle to capitalise on his good work. David Smallman was waiting for Williams' centre in the 15th minute, but Ormond, reacting with lightning speed so typical of this tall defender, got to the ball first and turned it over the line for a corner. Peter Lewis got his head at the ball after the corner, but Steve Marley blocked it on the goal line.

Edwards showed much-improved form. The first test came when Vassallo launched a low shot, and after Edwards had got down to save it cleanly, there was no looking back.

The others gained confidence, knowing that this was the Edwards of old. Lucio Saisi played the ball forward, Mark Brown flicked it wide with his head, and it found Killey, who rode tackles by Lewis and Stuart Cannell. The two big defenders were left floundering in his wake as Killey got in his cross, but there was no-one in the middle.

Then came that chance for Vassallo. Williams, with the ball at his feet on the left, played it diagonally across the advancing Croydon defenders to the right side, where Vassallo was just inside. He ran forward and faced Edwards, but hit the post with his shot.

Ia. Loughane started the second half by showing off the same tricky skills he had boasted in the first half, and Brown remained just as dogged in midfield.

But Ajax came close when Williams launched a cross from the left. Lewis, at the far post, rose as high as he could, but not quite high enough to get over the ball. Instead, he managed only to head it over the bar.

Croydon retaliated quickly. Mike Rainey, who was unable to cope with Williams, did however, get a nice forward pass to Killey in the 57th minute. Killey faced only Cannell, just over the half line, with Loughane commencing a parallel run through the middle. Killey pushed Cannell back, but instead of delivering the telling pass to Loughane — the pass that would have resulted in a goal — Killey tried to do it all himself, and eventually succumbed to Cannell's tackle.

Cannell then went forward and fired in a deceptive, skimming shot which Edwards again dealt with capably, but there was no stopping Croydon now.

In the 75th minute a long ball sent Killey away in another break, and this time he made sure of not repeating his earlier mistake. He did release the ball to Loughane this time, but Loughane turned out to be the culprit, as he shot too high.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



JUST goalkeeper Dennis Boland saves in front of Charlie Egan of Hellas.

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back in the Juventus team, and

s former club, Makedonia. In

ay and Andrew Zinni should be

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ing George McMillan to the

l and Graham Heys — the men

been woefully out of form.

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n Footscray J.U.S.T. for

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McGorian a signing-on fee based

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t the team will need in abun-

dant in National League ranks.

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players on Sunshine-George

ey are: Steve Lawson (for \$4-

y Tachris (\$1,350); Harry

tiable); Dave Rigby (\$2,000

(\$3,000 negotiable) and Tony

iable). Hugh McCann also is

seas.

CROYDON CITY 0 GREEN GULLY AJAX 0 at Olym
pic Park, Friday night, crowd about 3500. Referee: Jin
Dale 8. Cautions: Denys (A).

CROYDON: Edwards 8 — Rainey 5, Singleton 7, Ormond
9, Marley 8 — Ley Salsi 5, Tkachuk 5, Brown 9, Lucio Salsi
— Killey 8, I. Loughane 9. Coach: Colin Hasler.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 6 — Peter Lewis 8, Short 7
Cannell 7, Hogben 7 — Kremers 5, Vassallo 6, Boyle 7 —
Mancinelli 5, Smallman 5, Williams 8. Coach: Jimmy Rooney

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Yzendoorn 38th)
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at Olympic Park, Friday night.
Crowd: about 3500. Referee: Fearn 2.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7,
Yzendoorn 7, Blair 7, Kalitaditis 7 — Kanesoulis 6, Halford 7,
Crino 9, Murphy 7 — Wooddin 6 (Egan 50th), Brown 8.
Coach: Len McKendry.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Stojcevski 6, McDowell
sent off 30th, Tutill 7, Hazabent 7 — Curovic 7, Belic 7,
O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Paton 7, Simic 5 (Clayworthy 58th).
Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED 0
at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Crowd: About 7,000.
Referee: Fraser 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 7 — Petrovski 7, Dobson
7, Ilioski 7, Opasinis 6 — Heys 5, Flavell 6, Odzakov 7,
Campbell 5 — McMillan 6, Ollerton 5. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Kardamitsis 7 — McKie 7,
Gabrielson 7, Angele 7, Spanos 7 — Selemidis 8, Salvo 6,
Valentine 7 — Vagias 6, Tzintzis 6 (inj, Krajacic 65th), Patter-
son 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

CROATIA 1 (Parton 47th) JUVENTUS 1 (Zinni 51st)
at Olympic Park, Saturday night, crowd about 7500.
Referee: Jim Fokianos 8. Cautions: Parton (C), Cullen
(J).

CROATIA: Blasby 9 — Curcio 8, Parton 8, Adams 7,
Hannah 7 — Biskic 9 (Latif 61st), Faulkner 6, Antolovic 6,
Gojevic 9 — Brogan 7, Cumming 8. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 9 — V. Bannon 8 (inj, sub Geremia
61st), Swinscoe 6 (Ward 49th), P. Bannon 9, Hird 7 —
Dowie 6, Incantalupo 7, Cullen 7 — Zinni 7, Sweeney 7,
Lloyd 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

Campbell and Heys miss four goals between them

**Makedonia 0
Heidelberg 0**

During the 30-a-side
clash at half time, a small
lad wearing a faded, grey
tracksuit, gleefully smacked
an ageing ball into the
roof of the beckoning
net at the Swan Street end
of Olympic Park, then de-
parted triumphantly, se-
conds before two police-
men signalled a far too
abrupt end to a five-minute
period of intense goal-
mouth activity.

George Campbell and
Graham Heys should have
watched the aplomb with
which the lad finished off a
fine interpassing move in-
volving almost 40 players.
There was a lesson to be
learned there.

Sadly, the Preston Makedonia
pair were in the dressing
room, no doubt receiving a
dressing down, along with
their team mates, from player-
coach Peter Ollerton.

For the second successive
match, Makedonia dis-
appointed, however, things
can only and surely will im-
prove.

Heidelberg's Gary Cole is
adamant about wanting to join
Makedonia.

Ian Dobson, a recent es-
capee from Melbourne
Croatia's clutches, is a good
player.

Zoran Ilioski may develop
into a good sweeper, while
Campbell and Heys are far too
accomplished to continue to
miss the target from good
scoring positions.



Pashalis Tzintzis heads goalwards. Makedonia's latest recruit, Ian Dobson, is in the background.

Makedonia started off its
campaign in last year's Ampol
Cup, now known as the Buffalo
Gold Summer Cup (a mouthful
which mystifies me, especially
as the Buffalo company wants
its name to become a house-
hold word in soccer circles) in
sillily lethargic fashion.
Nevertheless, the team gained
confidence as the league
season developed, eventually
mounting a brave
championship attempt only to
stumble at the final hurdle.

Makedonia will get it togeth-
er again shortly.

Heidelberg's league
championship prospects, des-
pite its commendable showing
against Makedonia here, are
n't as rosy. The title of
National League champion has
yet to be conferred upon a
team composed of five or six
inexperienced players.



Carl Halford of Hellas jumps over a tackle by Vlatko Belic of J.U.S.T. at left is Brian O'Donnell and at right, the star of the match, Oscar Crino. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

McDowell sent off, Crino sparkles

**Hellas 1
J.U.S.T. 0**
Scorer: Yzendoorn
38th
Referee Jim Fearn
played the most signifi-
cant role in this game
when he sent off Foot-
scray J.U.S.T.'s best
player, defender Gary
McDowell, in the 30th
minute.

McDowell and Hellas for-
ward, Doug Brown, were
having a great battle.
Neither would give an inch.
It was spellbinding to watch.

Until McDowell was in
possession well inside his de-
fensive third near the touch-
line.

Brown was at McDowell's
back, hacking away at the
J.U.S.T. defender's legs.

McDowell casually lobbed
the ball out of play and as
Brown went to retrieve it, he
kicked the Hellas striker.

There's no doubt that
McDowell made contact, but
it was a fairly innocuous
kick.

However, Brown reacted
quickly. Showing an ap-
preciation of the situation
which would have done jus-
tice to any Hollywood great,
Brown writhed in feigned
agony on the ground. Refer-
ree Fearn ran across to
McDowell and sent him off.
Brown wasn't even booked,
and as so often happens, the
instigator escaped unscat-
tered.

J.U.S.T. fans and officials
were incensed. Coach Bobby
McLachlan still was see-
thing after the match.

"People wonder why
crowds get upset. What can
you say after that display of
refereeing? I knew what
would happen in the second
half and sure enough, all the
petty infringements went
our way," said McLachlan.

But the damage already
had been done.

With McDowell there for
the whole game, there's no
way that Hellas would have
won. The luck's been going
Hellas's way in this Cup and
that's why I think that they'll
win it," McLachlan added.

There was no element of
luck in the winning goal,
however. Instead, it was de-
lightfully crafted and
superbly finished, surpris-
ingly by sweeper John Yzen-
doorn.

Three minutes into the
second half, Oscar Crino,
who paraded about Olympic
Park like a brilliant pea-
cock, showing off his plum-
age, slipped the ball to Yzen-
doorn, just outside the
J.U.S.T. penalty area. Yzen-
doorn played a one-two with
Brown, held off two defend-
ers, then slotted the ball low

past Dennis Boland and
inside the near post.

Back to Crino. What a
player!

Crino doesn't dwell on the
ball too long now. Back heels
and nutmegs always are best
left on training tracks. Crino
now is well aware of this.
His passing is far more pene-
trative now, yet he's lost
none of his ability to hold
possession when needed in
tight situations.

He first served notice of
his willingness to delight
with his skills when he
lobbed the ball over an oppo-
nent's head in the 14th
minute and hammered in a
good 25 metre shot.

J.U.S.T. replied when Joe
Carroll did well, wide on the
right, to send in a curling
cross which Vlatko Belic
won in the air but headed
over, fouling Peter Laumets
as he did so.

Belic's ability to win the
ball in the air inside the
Hellas area was J.U.S.T.'s
best avenue to goal.

J.U.S.T. players fought
hard. Undermanned, they
never lost their spirit and
that's commendable. How-
ever, Paul Simic was dis-
appointing. So too, though to
far less an extent, was Slobo-
dan Stojcevski, who kept
drifting inside from his right
back position and giving Ken
Murphy acres of room.

It was to Suleiman
Curovic's credit that Murphy
and his team mates failed to
make better use of the space
given them there.

Curovic ran himself into
the ground, as did Brian O'-
Donnell and a few others.

Brown clearly was the
best of the Hellas strike
force. Constantly, he had
J.U.S.T. defenders under
pressure — and not only
when he was in possession.

— CRAIG
MACKENZIE

McDowell: 'I let the boys down'

**Gary McDowell of Footscray J.U.S.T. proved himself
to be a true sportsman after being sent off against Hel-
las, over a clash with Doug Brown.**

Instead of making excuses, McDowell said: "I re-
lated and I let the boys down. We could have taken
Hellas, but with 10 men, it was too hard.
"I reacted like a schoolboy."

— CRAIG
MACKENZIE

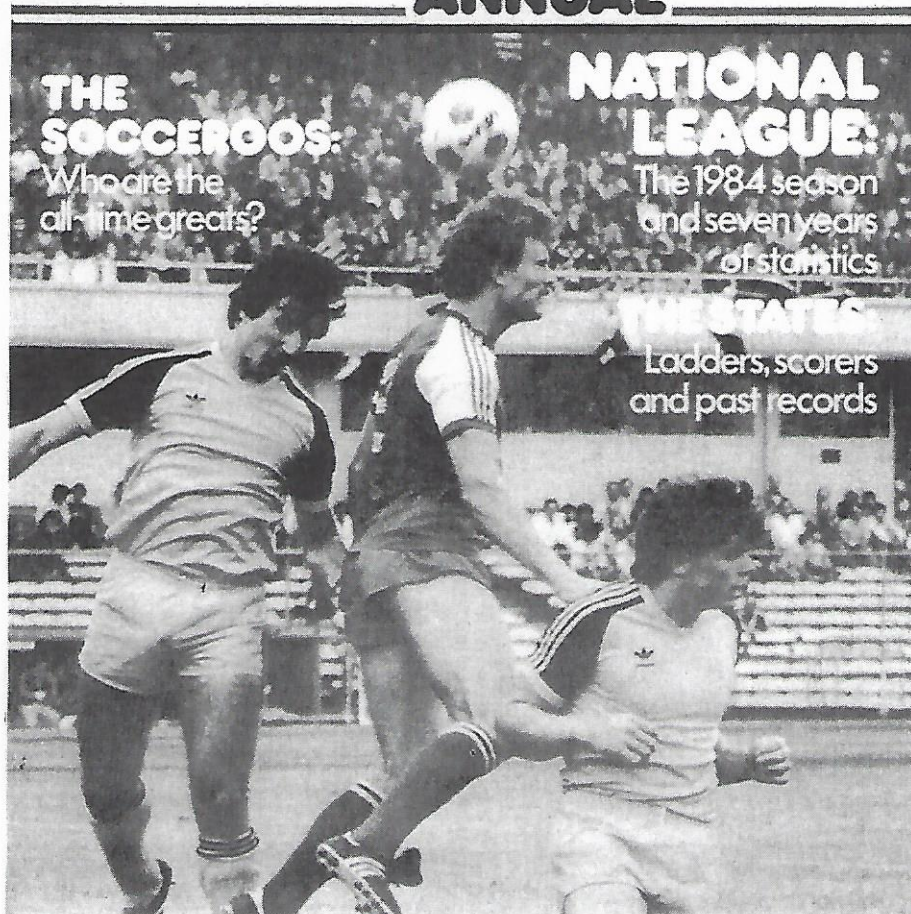


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BUFFALO SPORTS

Thomastown to bid for Lalic and French

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Thomastown, newly promoted to the First Division of the Victorian Metropolitan Leagues, was trying to sign Brendan Lalic from Polonia and George Watters from Werribee when we went to press.

The well supported Italian club also was on the look-out for a top flight striker and was considering a bid for Juventus ace Graham French.

Thomastown's coach this year is former Altona City, Juventus and George Cross coach Joe Wilson. His assistant coach and team manager is Marcelo D'Amico. Former Slavia striker Dave Griffith and young striker Sevi Magano are transfer listed, both at \$1,500.

North Dandenong, runner-up in Second Division last year, is gearing for this season's First Division championship bid and has signed long serving Croydon City stopper Steve McComb on a free transfer. North Dandy also hopes to sign Stan Davidson from Heidelberg Bundoora and George Gillan from Ringwood United.

North Dandenong player-coach Rob Nelson, ex-Sunshine, expects his team to do well in First Division.

"We're not just out to consolidate. We've got enough quality players to win the championship and get into State League," he said.

"What we do lack however, is council support. We need that if we are to develop our complex at Lois Towling Reserve."

Morwell Falcons failed in a bid to sign North Dandy sweeper Arthur McMillan, the former Heidelberg United star. McMillan, Rob and Dave Nelson, McComb and possibly Gillan will give the club quality in the first team squad. Rob Nelson also expects Wally Osclowski and Peter Papadopoulos to figure prominently in midfield roles.

A third Nelson brother, winger Stuart, also has signed for Norths.

Nunawading City has appointed Nick van Egmond as coach and his first signing was his son and namesake, Nick van Egmond, from South Melbourne Hellas. Nuna expected to make two more new signings as we went to press.

Richmond has stopped buying established players and wants to develop a sound youth policy. Dragan Vasic has been sold to Broadmeadows for \$1,800. Gerry Edmondson was freed to Doveton, and Bruce Young is rumored to be joining a State League club. The only concession the German sponsored club has made is to switch to a youth policy has been the signing of veteran

Kevin Wall available

Kevin Wall has been transfer listed at his own request by Victorian State League club Frankston Pines.

The talented striker who has had successful stints with Frankston City and Green Gully Ajax, has just a \$1,000 maximum transfer stipulated in his contract with Pines.

Wall can be contacted at home on 786 0875.

utility player Guenter Ganglmair on a free from Keilor Austria.

Hans Feige is caretaker coach. Business commitments may cause him to move to Perth shortly. If not, he'll be appointed on a more permanent basis.

Springvale City has retained the services of player-coach Ian Greener. City's back four also has been retained. The players who had a fine defensive record last season are: Brian Cairnduff, John Luyten, Aki Kotzamalalis and Robin Settle. Forwards Dave Hoyle and young Nick Karantonis also have been retained.

Springvale City's main loss so far has been goalkeeper Mirko Runje, who is at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Melbourne, again coached by former Fawcett and Polonia coach Mike Lynn, has moved to its new Williamstown headquarters at T. E. Reserve in Karori Creek Road.

Lynn will field a young side this season with possibly five under-18's playing. Ernie Tapal, Lou Theodou, Gork Frain and George Tchikowski should figure prominently in Lynn's plans as should a Victorian youth player who Lynn was trying to sign as we went to press. John Bird and Danny Ward will stay with Melbourne but John McDonald has crossed to Doveton and Gary Carlisle seems about to leave.

Lynn was hopeful that goalkeeper Ernie Tapal would stay. Their Drinac's future at the club however, was up in the air as he has yet to appear at training this year.

Bell Park, under experienced player-coach Billy Wilkinson, was expected to bid this week for Division listed Sunshine George Cross players David Rigby and Tony Zeigelaar. Bell Park already has signed goalkeeper Bob Amos from Sunshine-George Cross.

Wilkinson was waiting for striker David Perkins to return from the UK and was hopeful that Nigel Daniels' planned switch to Broadmeadows could be averted. Both Daniels and Perkins have to negotiate new contracts with Bell Park.

Sunbury United has re-appointed Norrie Ford as coach but has set up a network of three assistant coaches — Eddie Simpson is in charge of the reserves, Micky Gilligan is taking care of the thirds, and Bobby White is the director of junior coaching. Sunbury also has four scouts working for it around Melbourne.

The club was trying to sign two Victorian State League players and two Metro First Division players but wouldn't name them. Goalkeeper Lino Grech has joined Broadmeadows. He's the only loss from last year's first team squad to date.

Dandenong City seems certain to lose forwards Eddie Bell and John van Dinteren. Both are transfer listed at \$3,000 but are seeking a hearing before the Appeals Board in an attempt to get that fee lowered.

We'll feature all the news from the metro second, third and fourth divisions in next week's issue.



Morwell Falcons, back row: Dominic Palermo, John Higham, Tony van Baar, Bill Whiteside, Jim MacLean, Gerry Clarke. Front: Chris Kent, Harry Bingham, Bobby McGuinness, John O'Callaghan, Jim Train, Russell Athersych, Steve Moore.

Sabidussi to go, Mila and Czarnik dropped

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Fawcett has transfer listed last season's captain Carlo Sabidussi and was talking terms with disgruntled Albion Rovers stopper Frank Macleod as we went to press.

It is believed that Metropolitan League Third Division club Bulleen was interested in signing Sabidussi.

Stefan Mila and Peter Czarnik are the latest Polonia players to fall foul of the discipline introduced to the team this year by new coach John Gardiner. Mila and Peter Czarnik both missed a training session late last week and were dropped for Sunday's game against Albion.

Meanwhile, Polonia's solicitor is looking into the case of Lerch Grogorycz, leading scorer in the Polish Second Division last year. Grogorycz was due to arrive here last December but Polonia has been told that even though it negotiated with him when three visa players were allowed in any NSL or State League team, it must now bow to the two visa quota introduced for the 1984 season. Mila and Janusz Przybyla presently fill that quota.

Section "A" leader Knox City and third place section "B" team Morwell Falcons are the only undefeated teams in the 1984 Buffalo Cup.

However, Knox faces a tough task against improving Doveton at Waratah Reserve this Sunday. Stan Webster, transfer listed by the Doves, played with the club last weekend and opened the scoring in Doveton's 2-0 win over Northcote. Webster, alongside Jim Nelson and young Mark Lennox, should give Knox plenty to think about.

Doveton striker Ian Storton and defender or midfielder Graham Watson will return from Scotland on Thursday, February 23.

Knox assistant coach Trevor Owen will be in charge of the team against Doveton as first

THE COLLYER CASE — ASF TO RULE

Neil Collyer thinks that he's a North Dandenong player but he won't be sure until the ASF rules on a dispute between the VSF and the South Australian federation.

Collyer joined Doveton three seasons ago on a conditional clearance from South Australian club Croatia Wyvalia. He received permission from Croatia to switch to Cranbourne in the Provisional Leagues for the 1982 season then was signed by North Dandenong which understands that it bought Collyer from Croatia. The South Australian club has a different

This week's Buffalo Cup matches with likely winners in capitals:

WEDNESDAY

(Tonight, K.O. 7 pm)

Albion Rovers v MORWELL FALCONS at Selwyn Park Western Suburbs v FAWKNER at Chaplin Reserve Broadmeadows v POLONIA at Laura Douglas Reserve

SUNDAY

(K.O. 3 pm)

Frankston Pines v Box Hill (draw) at Monterey Boulevard

WILHELMINA v Northcote at Jubilee Park Doveton v Knox City (draw) at Waratah Reserve Polonia v St Albans Dinamo (draw) at Chaplin Reserve FAWKNER v Broadmeadows at A.T.C. Cook Reserve MORWELL v Western Suburbs at North Crinigan Reserve

team coach Eric Lesbirel is overseas on business.

Morwell is set to improve its goal difference tonight (Wednesday) when it takes on struggling Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park. Albion is in for a fight this year and already is being tipped as a definite relegation candidate. That's a bit harsh at this early stage, but there's no doubt that at least five top players are needed if the club is to do well. Considering Albion's much publicised financial plight, it's difficult to see quality newcomers being lured to the club.

Albion has transfer listed goalkeeper Tom Costello. He's lucky. Bobby McGuinness and Russell Athersych are set to run Albion ragged here.

Fawcett should grab the points against inconsistent Western Suburbs at Chaplin Reserve tonight. Fawcett coach Gus Macleod was pleased with his team's effort against Morwell in the Latrobe Valley last weekend. Macleod expects new signing from Ringwood Wilhelmima, Neil Garvey, to play a prominent role in the club's tilt at the State League title. When Ian Tuffield returns from overseas and joins Garvey and Bruno Cozzella up front, Fawcett's front line takes on a formidable look.

Joe Palinkas, who played with Fawcett on loan from Brisbane City last season, finally became a fully registered Fawcett player last Friday when the club paid City \$4,000 for his transfer. Palinkas had moved to Brisbane City from Footscray J.U.S.T. a few seasons ago for \$18,500.

understanding. When Collyer switched to Fawcett a fortnight ago, North Dandenong was to get \$1,000 for his transfer but Croatia Wyvalia stepped in asking for \$700. Collyer played in Fawcett's 2-1 Buffalo Cup loss to Polonia then was dumped by the club.

The VSF has ruled that Collyer still is a North Dandenong player. The South Australian federation says that Collyer still is playing here under a conditional clearance from Croatia.

The ASF will have the final say. North Dandenong and Collyer are hoping that the national federation rules in their favor.

Buffalo Cup details

Victorian Buffalo Cup tables:

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knox City.....	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Box Hill.....	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Frankston Pines.....	3	1	1	1	2	1	3
Wilhelmina.....	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Doveton.....	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Northcote.....	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Albans Dinamo.....	4	3	0	1	8	6	6
Polonia.....	4	2	1	1	10	5	5
Morwell Falcons.....	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Fawcett.....	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Western Suburbs.....	3	3	1	1	3	4	3
Broadmeadows.....	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Albion Rovers.....	4	0	0	4	14	0	0

ROUND 3

POLONIA 1 (Tront 59th)

MORWELL FALCONS 3

(T. van Baar 16th,

McGuinness 29th, Mac-

Lean 64th) at Chaplin Reserve, last Wednesday.

POLONIA: Dachs 4, Liparski 5, Mila 6, Gibson 5, Vettis 4 - G. Czarnik 5, P. Czarnik 7, Tront 6, Lalic 4 - Krynski 5 (Przybyla 6th), Milton 5. Coach: John Gardner.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 1, Bingham 1, Clarke 7, Higham 7, Train 7 - T. van Baar 3, MacLean 6, O'Callaghan 6, Kent 7 - Athersych 6, McGuinness 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Vojtek pen, 15th, N. Batinić 22nd, Istuk 60th)

ALBION ROVERS 2 (K. Coyle 36th, D'Sylva 37th)

at Jubilee Reserve.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Lecock 7 - Rachwalinski (in), M. Batinić 5th, G. Jutras 6, Brkijacic 6, Nobilo 6 - Istuk 6, Vojtek 7, Pavlovic 5 - Mecanovic 6, Bruno 5, N. Batinić 7. Coach: Billy Vojtek.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 6 (Croni H.T.), T. - Galan 7, F. Macleod 6, Hennessy 7, Stuart 7 - Reilly (sent off 15th), A. Bennett 7, Douglas 6 (in), K. Coyle H.T. 7, - McIntyre 7, D'Sylva 7. Coach: Frank Macleod and Garry Reilly (caretaker).

BROADMEADOWS 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Filipis 45th) at Laura Douglas Reserve.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 6 - Smart 5, Donaldson 6, Ellis 4, Senda 4 - Watson 6, Stokich, Sacco 4 - Kune 5, Vasic 5, Vaccaro 5. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Alexopoulos 7, Lelkas 6, Hamill 5, Dimovski 9, Borg 6 - Mussel 8, A. Esposto 7 (in), Dilbert 30th, Paschistodoulou 7 - Lazopoulos 7, Kakantons 7, Filippis 7. Coach: Jimmy Condlis.

NORTHCOTE 0 DOVETON 2 (Webster 42nd, M. Lennon 52nd) at John Cain Reserve.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 6 - Cutler 7, Katsakidis 7, Bozakis 7 (in), Tsoklis 45th, Mihos 5 - Wilson 6, Wright 6, Collins 7, Dionisopoulos 6, Micovalis 6, Bozotto 6. Coach: Tony Vazina.

DOVETON: Ryan 9 - Law 7 (K. ner 55th), Gadsby 6, Lelkas 7, Roggero 7 - G. McLeod 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Miller 7 - Nelson 8, Webster 6, M. Lennon 6. Coach: Nanny McMeachan.

ROUND 4

BOX HILL 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Bakker penalty 25th) at Wembley Park.

BOX HILL: McKinley 7 - Hughes 6, Tolin 5, Lawler 5, A. Rodhouse 5, Valentine 4 (McPhoe 61st), Azzopardi 6, Keenan 6 - Priestley 6, Verachla 6, Wito 5 (McDonald 45th). Coach: Bill Murray.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 8 - Mayer 7, Brooks 7, Verma 7, Shannon 6, Bakker 6, Watts 7, Burton 6, Stewart 6 - Thom 6, Warsawski 7. Coach: Rudi van Altona.

KNOX CITY 1 (House 46th) FRANKTON PINES 0 at Egan Lee Reserve.

KNOX CITY: McCurt 7 - Russell 8, Tunstall 7, Murray 7, Dixon 7 - Smith 8, Rodda 7 - Henley 7, House 8, Garish 8. Coach: Eric Leslie.

FRANKTON PINES: Stutchbury 6, Beach 7 - Luca 6, Cooke 7, Miller 5 (Spancer 55th).

Runje 7 - O'Halloran 6, Bohl 6 (McPhoe 61st, H.T.). Coach: Danny McMinime.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Athersych 29th) FAWKNER 1 (Giacomi 17th) at North Crinigan Reserve.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 1 - Bingham 6, Clarke 6, Higham 7, Train 7 - T. van Baar 7 (Moore 61st), MacLean 7, O'Callaghan 7, Kent 7 - Athersych 6, McGuinness 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

FAWKNER: Tarsini 7 - Giacomi 6, Cavallari 8, Fattori 9, Vessavov 9, Pelinias 6, Palmicciotti 6, G. Bannan 7, Lia 6 (Sannipoli 55th) - Cozzella 7, Garvey 8. Coach: Gus McLeod.

ALBION ROVERS 0 POLONIA 6 (Przybyla 18th, 23rd, 51st, Krynski 40th, 45th, Liparski 60th) at Selwyn Park.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 5, McCormack 5 (Barber 55th), Stuart 6, Macleod 6, McIntyre 6, Galan 6, A. Bennett 7, Saitani 5, Kaddick 5 (Nightingale 60th), Douglas 6 (Cawthra 60th), Coyle 6. Coach: Garry Reilly.

POLONIA: Lukac 7 - Liparski 8, Vettis 7, Gibson 7, Andy Czarnik 7 - Milton 7, Tront 7, Patrov 7 (Mile 45th), G. Czarnik 7 - Przybyla 8, Krynski 7 (Lalic 55th). Coach: John Gardner.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Filipis 3rd) ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Bruno 15th, 26th, 55th) at Chaplin Reserve.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Johnson 6 - Borg 5, Dimovski 7, Hamill 5, Lelkas 5 - Mussel 8 (in), Mathew 60th, Kakantons 5, Paschistodoulou 5 - Dilbert 5 (Constantinidis 52nd), Lazopoulos 5, Filippis 6. Coach: Jim Condlis.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Lecock 7 - Mecanovic 7, Brkijacic 7, Nobilo 7 - Nrolo 60th, Jutras 7 - Istuk 7, Vojtek 7, Pavlovic 7 - M. Batinić 6, Bruno 5, N. Batinić 7. Coach: Billy Vojtek.

Leading scorers in the Buffalo Cup: 4 - John Bruno (Dinamo) 3 - Janusz Przybyla, Tadik Krynski (Polonia).

Jim MacLean, Russell Athersych (Morwell), John Sannipoli, Bruno Cozzella (Fawcett), Rick Liparski (Polonia), Billy Vojtek (Dinamo), Alex Filippis (Western Suburbs), Garry Bakker (Wilhelmina), Mark Lennon (Doveton).

Webster for sale

Doveton has transfer listed striker Stan Webster for \$3,500, the maximum stipulated in the former Hawks star's contract.

Footscray J.U.S.T., Morwell and Northcote are believed to be interested in signing the talented forward who can be contacted at home on 799 2489.

Leader Cup

Ringwood Wilhelmima, in conjunction with Leader Newspapers, has invited all secondary schools in its local area to compete in the inaugural Leader Cup, to be run on a knock-out basis.

The quarter-final, semi-final and final will be held at Wilhelmima's home ground at Jubilee Park. The final is set down for Wednesday, May 2, at 5 pm. Admission is free to all Jubilee Park matches in the competition.



Lowe, Brown and Licata

From page one

The Marconi first team squad now boasts the best crop of young talent produced in Australia in the past two years — Lowe, Brown, Tom McCulloch, Rene Licata and Joe Rizzotto.

All are under the man who guided the young soccerers in the 1981 and 1983 World Youth Cup finals, and Scheinflug aims to blend their enthusiasm and ability with the experience and quality of players like Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics, Jovan Djordjevic and Steve Winn. If the mix is right, watch out for Marconi this year!

The Lowe-Brown striking partnership notched six of the nine goals scored by the Australian youths in Costa Rica as they swept aside the challenge of the home nation and Israel on their way to qualifying for last year's World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.

Marconi beat Sydney City Hakoah in the race to sign Lowe. It also defied a last ditch attempt by Newcastle to cling onto the services of their exciting young striker.

"Newcastle made me a very good offer but there was so much uncertainty about the club's future at the time that I decided to join Marconi. It wasn't an easy decision, though," said Lowe.

"I've enjoyed playing under Les Scheinflug with the youth team. He improved my general awareness and my skills too. His training is pretty intensive at youth team level and I expect the same at Marconi."

Lowe is undecided whether or not to move to Sydney. He's living with his parents in Newcastle right now and works for the AMP insurance group on a casual basis.

He's signed a one year contract with Marconi with a one year option depending on his performance this season, he could again head to the U.K. to trail with English First Division club Southampton. That's where Lowe spent the recent Christmas

and New Year break along with Marconi and youth team midfielder Tom McCulloch, who still is training with Southampton.

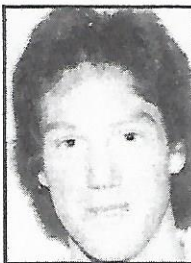
"I enjoyed myself there but I got a bit homesick towards the end of my four weeks stay. The Southampton manager Laurie McKeeney told me that the door is open if I want to return but we'll see how things work out this season."

Lowe was born in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, so he has a British passport and won't need to go through the trauma of trying to gain a work permit to play professional soccer in Britain like recently returned South Hellas star Alan Davidson experienced. McCulloch too has a British passport.

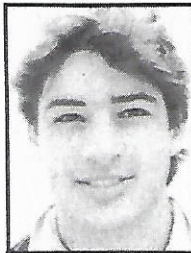
Lowe's loss is the second blow to Newcastle this year. Big Bob Mountford, another striker, has moved to Brisbane City on a free transfer. Nevertheless, Lowe says that Newcastle still has good young strikers in Tony Caban and Simon Brandt.

"Tony was the top scorer by a long way in the National Youth League last year and Simon is a good young player too. They'll do well for Newcastle."

Lowe's switch "to where the action is" ends a three year stint with Newcastle. He played in the Newcastle youth team in 1981 and made his senior debut in the fifth league game of the 1982 season. Ironically, that was against Marconi and Lowe scored twice.



Rod Brown



Renato Licata

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Overseas round-up

Tardelli, Gentile clash head-on

● West German World Cup star Paul Breitner looks set to return to the game... as a technical director of Eintracht Braunschweig. The club president has been phoning Breitner every week for advice, and Breitner has just moved house... to Braunschweig.

● Hannes Lohr, coach and general manager of Cologne, worried by the falling attendances in the Bundesliga, has told his players that contracts expiring at the end of this season will be renewed only if players are prepared to accept a 10 per cent cut in wages.

● Eligio Martinez, of Bolivian club The Strongest FC, proved to strong when he broke CF Hacoah player Walter Gallo's leg in two places. The foul has cost him a nine-month suspension.

● Renowned Italian 'strongmen', Marco Tardelli and Claudio Gentile whose tackles have left many an opponent limping, met head-on in a recent 'no-holds-barred' Juventus training session. Result: Tardelli out for a week with heavy abdominal bruising, and Gentile, after resuscitative massage to bring him round, rushed to hospital for X-rays for kidney and liver damage. Those who live by the sword...

● Sepp Maier is another West German favorite who isn't kept away. Maier, West Germany's most famous goalkeeper and hero of the 1974 World Cup triumph, has returned to his club, Bayern Munich, to help train the club's young keepers, Pfaff, Mueller and Auman.

● Could Luther Blissett be on his way back to Britain? AC Milan, disappointed with its \$2 million investment, recently made a big bid for England captain Bryan Robson. Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson's reply was, "Money couldn't buy Robson. I am building my team around him."

● Rumors are rife in Italy that Luis Vinicio, Brazilian-born coach of struggling Pisa, could be offered the job of managing Brazil's national team. So far this news does not appear to have reached the ears of present incumbent Carlos Alberto Perreiro. A Brazilian newspaper rather wistfully commented recently that Alberto not only didn't win the World Cup, but he lost the only one Brazil ever had. The original World Cup was stolen from the Brazilian Federation headquarters.

● F C Porto's Republic of Ireland international striker Mickey Walsh will be out of action for three months with a broken ankle.

● Yugoslavian-born Tomislav Ivic, former coach of Ajax and Anderlecht, has taken over Turkish club Galatasaray.

● World club champion Penarol of Uruguay is in

danger of relegation! The champions paid little heed to their league games while battling to retain the Copa Libertadores, which they failed to do, and have now lost star striker Fernando Morena with a broken leg.

● SV Hamburg manager Ernst Happel blames the poor standard of Bundesliga football for falling attendances. He says the lack of top-class players and insufficiently entertaining games are driving the fans away.

● The recent clash between Juventus and Roma was watched by an estimated 50 million people! It was televised live in France, Brazil, Canada and the U.S.

● Franz Beckenbauer has been persuaded to turn out for Grasshoppers of Zurich in an indoor tournament. The other teams taking part are Red Star, Strasbourg, St. Gallen and Servette.

● Naples is preparing the contract to end all contracts in an effort to lure superstar Michel Platini away from Juventus (and his lucrative Fiat connection) to link up with Rudi Krol in a new all-star line-up.

● Viktor Korolkow, coach of Russian club Rotor Volgograd, has been suspended indefinitely for his involvement in an allegedly fixed game his side lost 6-0 to Rostov.

● Bayern goalkeeper, Belgian international Jean-Marie Pfaff last week followed up Ernst Happel's comments on the poor standard of the Bundesliga. In answer to a simple question concerning the apparent decline in overall standards, Pfaff astonished the interviewers with a biting attack on West German players. "They earn too much money and they don't work hard enough for it," he said.

— LES SHORROCK

Kiwis to Singapore

The Asian Football Confederation has selected Singapore as the site for the second round of the Asia-Oceania soccer eliminations for the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

A one-round round-robin series of both group "A" and group "B" will be staged at Singapore from April 14 to 29 to decide the three teams going to the 16-nation soccer Olympics.

The two group winners will qualify and the runners-up of both groups will vie for the third place on April 29.

Kuwait, New Zealand, South Korea, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are in group "A" and Malaysia, Thailand, Iraq, Qatar and Japan will play in group "B".

The proposal to select Singapore as the site was advanced by Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, New Zealand and Japan.

New Zealand has proposed a home-and-away series but agreed on Singapore as the site after Malaysia agreed to play

Association, said New Zealand has proposed to host the games between the national teams of Malaysia and New Zealand in Auckland on April 1, Wellington on April 5 and Christchurch on April 8.

"They will be good warm-up matches for our team," Dempsey said.

GROUP A
April 14 — Bahrain v Kuwait
15 — New Zealand v Saudi Arabia
17 — Kuwait v South Korea, Bahrain v South Korea
22 — Kuwait v Saudi Arabia, New Zealand v South Korea
24 — New Zealand v Bahrain, Saudi Arabia v South Korea

GROUP B
April 15 — Japan v Thailand
16 — Qatar v Malaysia
18 — Thailand v Iraq, Malaysia v Japan
21 — Thailand v Qatar, Japan v Iraq
23 — Qatar v Iraq, Thailand v Malaysia

• IN BRIEF

Bigger offers for Cole, Lewis; St Albans angry

Hellas and Makedonia have increased their offers for star goalkeepers Paul Lewis and Gary Cole.

Hellas has offered Ajax \$15,000 for Lewis, top scorer in the Victorian State League last year.

And Makedonia has increased its offer to Heidelberg from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for Cole.

Ajax still wants \$30,000 for Lewis, and Lewis is appealing to the ASF against that figure. Heidelberg also wants \$30,000 for Cole, and he has threatened to go to the ASF if no compromise figure is reached soon.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Gary Cole



Paul Lewis

Melbourne Croatia for the huge soccer-loving Croatian public.

Not only will Dinamo suffer. The State League and the VSF will suffer too.

Is it too late for commonsense to prevail?

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Clubs from the Victorian State League through to the lower reaches of the Amateur Leagues contested the recent annual Monash Uni 7-a-side tournament. In all, 36 teams competed.

The tournament, organised

by Monash Uni Soccer Club and sponsored by Kevin Rock Sports, saw a total of over 300 players contesting 151 matches. Eventual winner Split defeated Yallourn 2-0 in the final, "helped along by former international Billy Vojtek."

RESULTS
Quarter finals: Cheltenham 1 Box Hill 0; Yallourn 0 Springvale Utd 0 (Yallourn on pens); Split 2 South Parkmore 2 (Split on pens); Nunawading 0 Kensington 0 (Nuna on pens).
Semi Finals: Yallourn 1 Cheltenham 0, Split 0 Nunawading 0 (Split on pens).
Final: Split 2 Yallourn 0.

Paul Trimboli stars in Aussie triumph

By PAUL MOON

Australia dominated the inaugural Bata Oceania under 16 tournament in Auckland last December, finishing with a 100% record and grabbing 22 goals while conceding just 2.

Only once during the entire week did they look vulnerable — during the second half of the final game against a spirited, but technically limited, New Zealand side.

The Kiwis grabbed an equaliser during this period and, for a few brief minutes, looked capable of embarrassing the Australians.

By the time the game entered its final quarter however, the visitors had regained their stronghold and were rewarded by a winning goal from Craig Foster, with a well executed header following a corner.

In truth, the junior Soccerers should have seen the game up much earlier. After David Aranyi had given them a 17th minute lead through a finely judged volley, they created a multitude of chances in the remainder of the half, but failed to increase their tally

due to complacency, inept finishing, over-elaborate build up and the heroics of Kiwi keeper Craig Ardrey.

Outstanding player of the tournament was Australian playmaker Paul Trimboli, whose poise, vision and creativity marked him as an individual of rare talent.

Resolute centre back Gavin Perry also looks to have a fine future ahead of him.

Midfielder Alfio Catalano impressed during the early games, but failed to assert his normal influence against New Zealand due perhaps to the rigors of playing a fifth match in seven days.

Unfortunately, Australia's superiority was such that it was never called upon to display its full ability and, consequently, prospects for future rounds of the world under 16 championship cannot be adequately gauged from the Auckland tournament.

	W	D	L	Pts
Australia	5	0	0	10
New Zealand	3	1	1	7
Taiwan	2	1	2	5
New Caled.	2	0	3	4
Tahiti	0	2	3	2
Fiji	0	2	3	2

CORRECTION

The telephone number for Stephens Sport Travel is (02) 231 3833 and not (02) 231 3933 as incorrectly quoted in the National Soccer Annual.

Stephens Sport Travel



Bayern Munich goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff

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Dunn: Westad to Bayswater to Azzurri and into trouble



The SM-Hellas State League team of 1983, from left, standing: Jim Armstrong (coach), Steve Kakantonis, Manny Anazakis, Mark Pero, Mark Turudis, Jim Kalambokis, Duncan Cummings, Chris Kalifidis, Greg Kassidis. Front: Awhan Patsaman, Angelo Postecoglou, Peter Abraam, John Kanesoulis, Peter Vardaxis, Chris Bekiaris, Jim Kassidas (team manager).

Kanesoulis, Kalambokis: Hellas stars of future

John Kanesoulis and Jim Kalambokis are two young hopefuls fighting for a place in South Melbourne Hellas' NSL team for 1984.

Len McKendry is considering them for a place in the first team but the youngsters know they are on the border line at the moment and need to put in a lot of hard work and effort to break through.

Kanesoulis and Kalambokis are great friends and certainly know each other's game from playing together in last year's Hellas State League team, from which they were brought up to the first team. They built up a lot of confidence playing alongside top players and hope to make the senior team by the end of the season.

Kanesoulis is only 18 so he is able to play in the youth team while Kalambokis, who is 20 may not be able to play there.

He is, however, positive that he will stay with Hellas and make it as a first-team regular by 1985, together with Kanesoulis.

Being a midfielder player, Kanesoulis sees a better chance in the first team when the 4-4-2 system is played, giving him a position on the right flank.

He says however that McKendry is trying to make a player out of him for next year and he is willing to play in the youth team in the meantime.

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

Jim Kalambokis is working and John Kanesoulis is studying for his Physical Education Degree at Footscray Technical College.

They both find adequate time for soccer and both agree that the game is the most important thing right now.

Kalambokis works under Michael Malthouse, the Footscray VFL coach and former Richmond player, and he says he is getting a lot of understanding at work regarding his time allocated to soccer.

Kanesoulis on the other hand has all the support he needs from his family and is greatly encouraged, especially by his older brother.

During the pre-season preparation and the current training sessions the two have experienced a great deal of support from the other players and are enjoying the workouts conducted by McKendry.

Kanesoulis considers his stamina, running and ability to take players on as being his stronger points.

He likes wet conditions in which he takes up a defensive midfield role. Kalambokis has still competition from Steve Woodin for a spot on the left wing but is pleased with his performances and has the patience to learn more.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The fate of Robbie Dunn and E.D. Azzurri will be decided on Friday by the South Australian federation's board of management.

Dunn played with Azzurri two weeks ago in an Ampol Cup match and the South Australian federation has ruled that he was improperly registered at the time.

The tall stopper transferred to West Australian club Bayswater Inter recently from West Adelaide Hellas. The transfer fee was \$3,000 but there was a rider in the agreement that should Dunn then sign for a club outside Western Australia for more than \$3,000, West Adelaide Hellas was to get the excess amount.

Preston Makedonia has shown interest in Dunn but while he still was a West Adelaide Hellas player, the South Australian club wanted \$25,000 for him. Melbourne Croatia made tentative enquiries about Dunn a few weeks ago and West's fee had dropped to \$15,000.

When Dunn joined Bayswater Inter, the club lodged a request for his transfer with the ASF. But Azzurri did not lodge such

a request, before Dunn stunned South Australian soccer circles by lining up against West Adelaide Hellas two weeks ago.

A sub-committee of the South Australian federation's board of management has met to discuss the matter and has decided that the case should be resolved by Friday. That sub-committee's recommendations will go before the full board of management, which was due to meet next Tuesday. An earlier meeting now will be convened.



Robbie Dunn (right) in action for West Adelaide Hellas against former Wollongong striker Roy Cotton.

At last, a top class Vic. Youth League

Following the re-organisation of the National League, a long awaited quality youth competition will take place in Victoria in 1984.

Membership of the NSL requires clubs to field a youth team in place of a reserve team.

Sydney clubs along with Newcastle and the Australian Institute of Sport have taken part in a very healthy youth competition in the last few seasons.

The rules of the competition allow three senior players to play in any match. A couple of these players, with some of the best young talent available, can be the recipe for some fine matches.

This allows the young players the opportunity to play with and against senior players, which is essential to their development.

In the past in Victoria, NSL clubs had reserve teams who were generally in lower Leagues. This constituted a big drop in standards for players who were not in the first team and who still required match practice. On the other hand, it was a big step for players promoted from the reserve team to the first team when they suddenly found themselves playing in the National League.

The new youth competition paves the way to play against the best young players. It also allows them the opportunity to have a clear objective, which is, of course, promotion to the first team.

From the clubs' point of view the opportunity is now available to them to have clear objectives in relation to their development program. It is a health environment in which to develop young players and will eventually benefit the clubs financially as it becomes less necessary to enter the transfer market so often.

Running a Youth League in Victoria in the past has



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

presented problems which were mainly due to club apathy toward youth development.

Generally speaking, the seasons commenced with approximately 35 applicants for the Youth League and after much communication from Soccer House, the League limped on with 10 or 11 teams.

The quality of the Youth League suffered as the majority of the best 16 and 17 year olds were recruited for senior teams. This in effect resulted in the Youth League providing a place to play for the players who, having ended their junior careers, were unable to command places in senior teams. Although this is very commendable, the fact remains that a good Youth League was required to cater for the quality rather than the quantity.

Some clubs may argue that players could be lost to the game if provisions are not made to provide a competition for the not so talented players. However, clubs really have always had the solution to solving youth development problems right under their noses.

That solution is simply to adopt a policy within the club of using the reserve team for players on the way up rather than for players on the way down. A sprinkling of experienced players who possess the right character and ability to play with and encourage the young players in the reserve team would provide a healthy environment within the club structure in which to develop home grown talent.

Cliches like "he's not experienced enough" have been used as crutches for too long. How can he possibly gain experience if he is not given a run of games?

The new Youth League is expected to be administered by the VSF with the possibility of four more teams from Victoria being added to the League to make it a 12 team competition.

A decision on whether a further Youth League will be conducted in Victoria is yet to be made as the demand for such a competition is being carefully monitored.

Meanwhile, NSL clubs are searching for qualified coaches to undertake this very important job, within the club structure of youth development.

No doubt it will be a very rewarding job monitoring the progress of young talent and providing solid foundations for the future of the club in the area where it matters most, on the field of play.

STOP PRESS

Heidelberg United, determined to foil South Melbourne Hellas's bid to sign midfielder Jim Campbell, has offered Campbell to Green Gully Ajax in exchange for Ajax's leading striker Paul Lewis.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gilroy brings back Pimblett and Hamilton

Brisbane City midfielders Bobby Hamilton and Frank Pimblett, sacked last year by Jim Hermiston, are set to feature prominently in new coach Joe Gilroy's plans this season.

Both players are now back training eagerly and have been given a vote of confidence by Gilroy.

"Bob and Frank are great players who have years at top level left in them. Their careers are certainly a long way from over," Gilroy said this week.

The two midfielders lost their places in Hermiston's

NSL squad, and were told they were not required at training any more, seven weeks before the end of last season.

No clear reasons for the axings were ever given, although Hermiston said he had made the decision as he was rebuilding the City team.

But Gilroy now looks set to build his side around the two midfielders and several other experienced players in the side, like Frank Liddell and Steve Perry.

"Look at the successful sides anywhere in the world and you will see they are generally made up of experienced players with maybe one or two youngsters," Gilroy said.

"We have some great young talent at the club but we won't be rushing them, the secret is to give them a few games, then give them a rest."

Indeed, if the youngsters are any guide, City's future looks bright.

In addition to last season's regulars Stephen Glockner, Angelo Falco and Luciano Fabrizio, John Kowtan, Lee Seriggins, new signing Ken Swan and former institute player Mark Boyd have looked outstanding.

— RICKY ROSSO



Romanian clearance holds up Martin

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

George Martin, the 27-year-old former Romanian second division goalkeeper, is angry that a clearance delay is preventing him from playing for Juventus (Vic).

He has 11 years of Second and Third Division experience during which he hasn't been sent off or shown a single yellow card.

He also has a grade B refereeing licence.

Martin arrived in Melbourne two and a half months ago and doesn't speak much English. That doesn't make it too hard for him to communicate with his new club members because he says he really enjoys it here.

However, it causes him great concern when he is unable to play in official games because Juventus hasn't yet managed to obtain a clearance for him.

Martin said he doesn't believe the Romanian Football Federation will cause him further difficulties in obtaining a clearance from his last club, Imbolia.

He hasn't signed a contract with Juventus, but plans to remain there because he likes the atmosphere and gets along with his team mates well.

He is still staying at a migrant hostel from where he is picked up for training by Juventus officials.

Martin is well prepared and says he can't wait for the day when he can play at Olympic Park which really impresses him.

However, he can barely watch his team mates play in the Buffalo Summer Cup because he feels he can help so much by playing.

He is also waiting for his wife and child to join him from Romania. He already has lodged migrant sponsorship from here.

So far he has played only in friendly games for Juventus and he has had offers from other clubs.

His form is satisfying although he still has to solve other problems before concentrating fully on the game. He says goalkeeping standards in Romania are more professional than here and that he

Berlin cash demand threatened match

It's a safe bet that West Berlin won't be invited back to Victoria.

The Germans, who recently played against the Victorian state team, Morwell Falcons and Keilor Austria, did little to endear themselves to Austria officials when they demanded a cash guarantee of \$500 before playing the Metro Second Division club.

West Berlin at first had agreed to share the gate receipts from the friendly game, then balked. The Germans also demanded that transport be provided to and from their motel before playing Austria. Both demands were made at the last minute and the match was threatened until Austria committeemen and a former Austria official acceded to the Germans' demands.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Dowie plea

Juventus recruit John Dowie is looking for a job, and the club wants to hear from anyone able to offer him one. Dowie is an experienced driver, and is willing to take other work. Any firm that has a vacancy...

World Cup dates

The first World Cup elimination match leading to the 1986 finals will be staged very early on May 23, when Sweden meets Malta, probably in Stockholm or Goteborg.

- Oct. 14 Portugal v Czechoslovakia
- Oct 17 W Germany v Sweden
- Oct 31 Czechoslovakia v Malta

Tzintzis arrives

From page 6

Asked which players he most admires, Tzintzis said:

"I like Jim Campbell most of all, and I also like Doug Brown of Hellas. He makes it look so simple in front of goal. I also like Oscar Crino of Hellas, and of the interstate players, I admire Phil O'Connor and Marconi's Rene Licata, who played against us in the national under 18 titles in 1980."

Tzintzis was top scorer in those national titles, with seven goals, and Victoria won the final 2-1 against NSW, with Tzintzis scoring one of the goals.

What makes Tzintzis a good player? We put the man himself on the spot:

"Well, players who have played against me have told me I'm very fast, and I guess I'm good at scoring goals."

Is he ever nervous when facing the goalkeeper?

"No, not nervous. I've done it so many times before, that I'm programmed to it. I do what has to be done, depending on what the goalkeeper does to try to stop me. If he just stands there, then it's easy."

While Tzintzis looks the best of Heidelberg's local recruits, Marcelo Salvo also was impressive when he came on as a substitute against Juventus.

Formerly with South Melbourne Hellas Juniors, this youth international played at the Institute of Sport last

La Juventus migliora, arrivano rinforzi a Morwell e Fawker

Il secondo turno della coppa notturna ha fatto registrare un lieve rialzo delle azioni della Juventus. Costretta al pareggio dai "ragazzini" dell'Heidelberg la settimana prima, tutti si aspettavano che sarebbe stata stracciata da quel Croatia affiatato ed in gran forma che la aveva suonata di santa ragione al Preston, tutti... eccetto quelli che sono superstiziosi ed ormai sono convinti che la Juventus sia la bestia nera del Croatia.

In effetti la superstizione c'entra molto poco, e' solo che il Croatia "costringe" la Juventus a giocare bene. La difesa della Juventus, infatti, e' insuperabile quando gioca arroccata, ben chiusa davanti alla porta, con l'esperto Pat Bannon a muoversi in una zona di pochi metri in posizione di libero, non ci sono molti attacchi capaci di passarla; il qualivene invece quando la squadra avversaria non riesce a metterla sotto pressione a Pat e compagni vanno a fare passeggiate "con biglietto solo andata" (cioe' che non ritornano) in avanti.

Ed il Croatia, con il suo stile di attacco ed oltranza non fa altro che assicurarsi che la difesa juventina giochi bene e poi finisce per rimetterci le penne, o quasi.

Sabato scorso, come al solito, il Croatia si e' gettato all'attacco come se volesse fare un sol boccone della Juventus; la difesa ha assorbito bene i colpi e qualche veloce contropiede di Zini ha messo in serio pericolo la porta avversaria.

E' finita cosi' che il Croatia ha dominato il primo tempo, ma era la Juventus che avrebbe dovuto finire con almeno una rete di vantaggio, perche' la migliore occasione da goal l'ha creata Dowie al 23' quando ha lanciato Zini in profondità. "Pie' veloce" ha bruciato la difesa croata ed e' arrivato in zona di tiro. Blasby aveva chiuso gli occhi e si sara' tuffato il tiro a bruciapelo ha colpito la mano di Blasby ad il pallone e' cosi' andato a finire sul palo.

Ci voleva il nuovo arrivato Dowie pero' a capire final-

mente il modo migliore di lanciare Zini; sembrava strano ma tutto l'hanno scorso abbiamo assistito ai passaggi sul piede di Zini invece che di lanci in profondita' che gli permettono di sfruttare la sua spettacolare velocita' e segnare piu' reti.

Il passaggio sul piede compta non un non sempre facile controllo della palla, ostacolato il piu' delle volte dall'angolo custode, quindi il piede scavalcando, palla al piede, avversari che spesso mirano agli stinchi piuttosto che al pallone; il lancio in profondita', o la palla sopra la testa dei difensori spinti in avanti, inviterebbe Zini a nozze. Speriemo che l'esempio di Dowie sia ripreso da tutti gli altri, mentre la Juventus e' su questo tipo di gioco.

Tornando alla partita di sabato sera con il Croatia, bisogna ricordare che gli avversari hanno una squadra senza alcun cambiamento alla quale stanno lavorando da tre anni, mentre la Juventus e' nuovamente in fase di ricostruzione e per di piu' era senza Miranda e Ward, il primo influenzato, il secondo in panchina perche' solo in mattinata era tornato da un viaggio a Singapore per ragioni di lavoro (solo una volta all'anno per fortuna).

Margaritis ha schierato nella posizione di centrocampione Kevin Swinscoe che ha dato cuore ed anima, ma che naturalmente non e' tagliato per il ruolo. Nella ripresa, dopo che il Croatia era passato in vantaggio grazie ad un regalo di Keogh (di cui diremo in segui-

to), Margaritis ha tirato fuori Swinscoe mandando in campo Ward che si e' schierato in attacco con Dowie che retrocedeva in posizione di stopper.

Il lungo nuovo arrivato ha cambiato il volto della partita poiche' si e' dimostrato molto piu' efficace di Swinscoe in funzione difensiva, ma, cosa piu' importante, molto intelligente nel costruire. Con lui non ci sono state piu' respinte alla disperata che andavano a finire nuovamente agli avversari, ma controllo e rilancio ai centrocampisti e agli attaccanti.

Peccato che di Dowie ce ne sia uno solo, e per ora non e' ancora in condizione eccezionale. A proposito di lui, il ragazzo e' disoccupato e cerca un lavoro da autista, chi potrebbe aiutarlo a trovarlo? Un posto e' pregato di telefonare a Rocky Porcino (336 8669) o di rivolgersi direttamente al giocatore durante gli allenamenti o dopo le partite.

La Juventus con Dowie difensore-regista ha quindi cominciato a girare molto meglio ed ha imbastito diverse azioni che hanno portato al pareggio siglato da Zini con una tempestiva girata al volo su calcio d'angolo messogli sul piede da un intelligente tocco di testa di Sweeney. E, come al solito, la Juventus avrebbe potuto anche vincere (volume di gioco a parte) perche' ha creato piu' nette occasioni da rete.

E passiamo a Keogh, il giovane portiere acquistato dal Dovenham ha regalato il goal al Croatia facendo una corta res-

pinta proprio sulla testa dell'appostato Parton, ma ha anche salvato la partita con una serie di salvataggi provvidenziali. Siamo perciò alle solite grandi azioni, grande prontezza di riflessi, grande dedizione ma mancanza di molta esperienza.

Combinazione, dopo la partita, parlavamo con McMeen, suo allenatore l'anno scorso, che gli ha dato grande merito per il modo come si e' comportato in generale, ma a espresso grossi dubbi sul suo modo di neutralizzare i traversieri. E' quindi il caso di lavorarci sopra, perche' anche la settimana prima si era visto le stesse carenze quando Keogh aveva alzato all'indietro un calcio d'angolo.

Altra persona con la quale abbiamo parlato dopo la partita e' stato l'ex portiere bianconero Rho VII che di portieri se ne intende e che non e' solito dare giudizi affrettati; secondo lui George Martin, il portiere rumeno arrivato quest'anno, e' "il miglior portiere che ci sia oggi a Melbourne".

Siamo chiari, questo non e' una critica a Keogh, (alla fin dei conti abbiamo detto che ha salvato la partita), ma solo la constatazione che la Juventus ha un ottimo giovane portiere che ha bisogno di curare alcune lacune tecniche ed un altro ottimo portiere che un esperto ha definito "il miglior portiere a Melbourne". Ottimo, almeno quella posizione non desta alcuna preoccupazione.

Altro appunto individuale che e' doveroso fare riguarda Fabio Incantalupo. L'ex nazionale giovanile e' sempre quel gran bombardiere che fa tremare tutti le difese avversarie e il suo impiego in posizione arretrata, magari con compiti di marcamento, non si e' addicono proprio a pennello e immaginiamo che non ne sia troppo innamorato.

Il calcio e' pero' gioco di squadra e bisogna giocare in qualsiasi posizione che la necessita' di squadra comporta, alla fin dei conti Fabio ha sempre giocato arretrato con la nazionale giovanile dove pero' le soddisfazioni erano di ben altra natura e l'impostazione tattica anche alquanto diversa.

Insoddisfazione, e meno, per un certo ruolo non deve però scemare l'impegno in allenamento ed in partita (e nelle stili di vita), e Fabio sabato scorso e' apparso pesante, lento e poco interessato. Quale che sia, non ha commentato. "Ormai il ragazzo e' finito, fra un paio d'anni dovra' appendere gli scarpe al chiodo". Anche se un po' cattivo, passiamo il commento a Fabio perche' ci pensi su, per tutto il bene che gli vogliamo noi e tutti i tifosi bianconeri, come giocatore e come ragazzo.

In conclusione la Juventus vista sabato scorso, oltre al vantaggio di giocare contro una squadra forte ma dalla stile adatto ai mezzi dei bianconeri, si e' rivelata molto migliorata rispetto a quella della settimana scorsa, non solo per un ovvio miglio-

mento di forma, ma anche per maggiore intesa fra giocatori e reparti.

Come abbiamo detto la settimana scorsa, attacco e centrocampo non destano preoccupazioni con un'abbondanza di uomini di valore; per il centrocampo continuiamo ad insistere che i tre perni dovrebbero essere Dowie, Lloyd e Miranda (ottimi per difendersi e per attaccare).

La difesa, a parte la buona prova contro il Croatia, e' sempre il tallone d'Achille della squadra specialmente se Vince Bannon non dovesse riprendersi subito dall'infortunio al ginocchio subito sabato sera. E' ovvio che ci vogliono rinforzi prima che i portieri se ne intendano. Il militante in una delle maggiori squadre italiane (il nome non e' corretto dirlo, ma dovrebbe essere facile indovinarlo).

Vogliamo soltanto sperare che i responsabili della Juventus capiscano che ormai sono in bilico e debbono ballare e che per cio' e' necessario effettuare l'acquisto O'ra e non dopo che si e' gia' compromesso l'inizio della stagione.

Per esempio, specialmente se Vince Bannon sara' fuori causa venerdi' prossimo, un difensore come Parton significherebbe quasi sicuramente il passaggio alle semifinali (e forse anche alla finale) della coppa notturna; gli incassi che ne deriverebbero sarebbero sufficienti per pagare Parton (o l'altro giocatore italiano, o qualsiasi altro buon difensore) almeno due volte... e il prestigio di tale affermazione sveglierebbe tanti tifosi italiani che stanno ancora sfogliando margherite sul campo della Juventus.

Nella lega statale Fawker e Morwell hanno concluso il "derby" italiano in partita nel turno della "Buffalo Cup". La divisione dei punti lascia il Morwell in corsa per la coppa ma rende il compito molto difficile per il Fawker, che era stato sconfitto la settimana prima del Polonia. Ma non e' la fine del mondo perche' il nuovo allenatore del Fawker, Gus McLeod, ha solo iniziato a ricostruire la squadra per puntare al titolo statale.

E' gia' arrivato Neil Garvie dal Ringwood, ci sono trattative per un gran nome dalla Scozia e sembra addirittura che "Big Gus" stia convincendo il fratello minore Frank (in forza all'Albion Rovers) a passare nelle file azzurre. Anche se il "veto" agli scozzesi e' finito, e' pero' ovvio che il club intende sempre dare tutte le opportunita' possibili a giovani giocatori italiani nelle ultime settimane come infatti stati provati da McLeod ragazzi "di casa" come Giacomini, Vesner, Lia, Palmariocciotti, ecc.

Anche il Morwell aspira alla vittoria del campionato di Lega Statale, e quindi alla promozione automatica in Lega Nazionale. Dal Northcote e' arrivato, letteralmente perche' si e' stabilito a Morwell, il forte centrocampista Moore; dall'Inghilterra e' arrivato l'attaccante Athirych (ex compagno di squadra di McGuinness) e dall'Irlanda del Nord dovrebbe arrivare il libero Clarke. La lotta fra le due squadre italiane per la supremazia statale dovrebbe essere molto interessante.

Questa sera, con inizio alle 7, il Fawker e' in trasferta con il Western Suburbs; il Morwell in trasferta con l'Albion Rovers; domenica, alle 3, il Fawker ospitera' il Broadmeadows, mentre il Morwell ospitera' il Western Suburbs. Venerdi' sera la Juventus affrontera' il Preston nella prima partita alle 7.30 pm. al-

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Prva dva kola noćnog kupa za Buffalo zlatan pehar razocarala su ljubitelje fudbala u svakom pogledu. Osim malih izuzetaka, igrači se nisu dovoljno pripremili, niti su narocito motivisani. Verovatno, jos uvek se nagadjaju sa svojim klubovima, jer nikad nisu zadovoljni sa onim sto dobiju, a to je za ovdasnje prilike zaista mnogo. Losa igra i nesportsko ponašanje igrača oterali su publiku sa nash stadiona, tako da je vise ni najbolje međunarodne utakmice ne mogu nazad povratiti.

Prema dosadasnjoj igri, iako prosečnoj, najbolje izgleda da se sastanu u finalu imadu Hellas i Croatia, ali iznenadjenja nisu iskljuce-na.

JUST je iz dva susreta izvukao svega jedan bod, ali ipak nije izgubio nadu da se plasira u polufinale. "Plavi" su propustili priliku da osvoje oba boda protiv oslabljenog Croydon Citya. Igrali su konfuzno i uobraženo, a pred kraj su grevito morali da brane neresen rezultat. Heroj i jedini vredan pomena bio je veter-an Boland, koji je i protiv Hellasa bio najbolji igrač na terenu. Medjutim, poraz "plavih" protiv Hellasa mogao je do se izbege. U prvom poluvremenu JUST je imao vise od igre, dok je Helas igrao prijatno i grubo, sto je sudija Jim Faern tolerisao, ali jednostrano. Neopravdano je pokazao zuti karton Slobodanu Stojcevs-kom, a kada je vec pokazao put u svlačionicu is-provociranom Gary McDowellu, morao je istu kaznu prime-niti i za Doug Browna. Ovakvo je pokvario jednu ravnomernu utakmicu i prakti-čno poklonio oba boda Helasu. Koliko je sudija bio naklonjen Helasu pokazuje i ispad Steve Blaira, koji je praktično nokaoutirao Bo-landa, ali nije dobio ni usmenu opomenu.

Opak, postupak Gary McDowellu zaslu-zuje svaku u sudu, jer je tesko esteto svoj klub u najtezem momentu. Sigurno nece igrati protiv Green Gully Ajaksa, a moze lako promasiti i par prvih utakmica novog prvenstva Nacio-nalne lige.

JUST je nastupio bez povredjenog Zdravka Lujica, sto je oslabilo navalu, koja inace rami je zbog slabe forme i lose kondicije Jamie Patona. Istina Joe Carroll se mnogo zalaze, A: I NI ON NIJE GOL IGRAČ. Pitanje dobrog strelca muci trenera Bobby McLachlana i celu upravu. Nisu urodili plodom pokusji da se iz Ju-goslavije dovede navalni igrač sa boljom repu-tacijom. Javljuju se i nude odbranbeni igrači, nepoznate talentalice sa kakvima se JUST dobro opekao zadnjih nekoliko godina. Na domacem trzistu ima par igrača, ali njihova cena je pre-višaka za JUST ove mogućnosti.

Ostaje jedina mogućnost da se takav igrač potrazi u Skotskoj ili Engleskoj, a moza i u malim Klubovima Australije. "Plavi" ne smeju diti ruke od Graig Nicholasa sa Tasman-je, gde se igra daleko bolji fudbal nego sto to zamisljamo i znamo. Proste subote sam video u Hobartu prijateljsku utakmicu izmedju doma-ceg Juventusa i Canberra Arrows iz Nacionalne lige. Susret se završio nereseno 1:1, ali Ju-ventus je bio bolji tim i imao zrelije sanse. Dva pet se tresla prečka gotsujućeg tima, a da ne govorim o ostalim akcijama i sansama koje su odusevile oko 1000 gledalaca. U svakom sluca-ju, bila je to igra koja nadmasuje svih osam do sad odigranih u Melbourne za Noćni kup.

NA MLADIMA SVET OSTAJE

Nemogućnost da se pronadje pravi igrač na trznicu, prinudila je JUST da se osloni na sopst-



Joy for Hellas sweeper John Zden-dorn (left), seconds after scoring the goal which ended J.U.S.T.'s brave battle with only 10 men at Olympic Park last Friday night. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

vene snage. Na prijateljskim utakmicama daje se sansa Petrovu, Fernandezu, Reigosi i Clkayworthu, koji se sve bolje snalaze i mogu nas iznenaditi jos u ovoj sezoni. Treba imati strpljenje dok ovi talentovani igrači ne sav-ladaju tremu i dobiju iskustvo. Slobodan Stoj-cevski, Suli Curovic i Vlatko Belic vec su mladi veterani bez kojih se ne moze zamisliti prvi tim JUSTa. Zbog povrede usporen je napredak Tome Karica, ali njegovo vreme dolazi. Jos jedan veliki talenat se probija da zauzme bolno mesto vodje navale. To je Janos Volf, star 16 godina, koji je na prekretnici. Ovakav talenat ne sme biti zanemaren. U jednu ruku jos je dete zbog cega treba pedagogski raditi sa njim. Povratka ambicioznog Tim Bikickog takodje je dobitak za "plavi" tubor, jer je svestran igrač. Moze biti golman i vodja navale? Ambiciozno se pripremaju da obuku dres prvog tima JUSTa i sledeći mladići: Zoran Vlainic, Ljubomir Divic, Steve Hatzopoulos, Zoran Ivkovic, Milan Djurdjevic, Peter Costadinidis, Sasa Perduv, Branko Maric, Zeljko Karic, Vlada Mitrovic i mnogi drugi. Neiscrpan izvor talenata mora da donese pozitivne rezultate i izvuče "plave" iz permanentne krize od kako se takmici u Nacio-nalnoj ligi.

PRVA POBEDA

U nedelju 5. februara JUST je prekinuo lanac neuspeha, posto je u prijateljskom susretu sav-ladao George Crossa sa 4:2 (2:0) u Sunshinu. "Plavi" su igrali u sledecem sastavu: Peter

Hrehoresin (Tim Bikicki), Stojceviski, Haz-arent, Clayworth, McDowell, Curovic, Fer-nandez, Paton (Reigosa), Carroll, Belic, Smic (Petrov od 15 m). Prilikom nabiranja mladih igrača, koji mogu preporoditi JUSTa, ispustili smo golmana Peter Hrehoresina. On je sa us-pehom na ovoj utakmici zamenio Dennis Bolan-da. George Cross je iznenadio mnoge klubove u ovoj godini, cak je pobedio i Makedoniju sa 2:1 u prijateljskom susretu. Ovog puta bio je po-puno nadigran od podmladenog JUSTovog sas-tava. Da nije sudija prestrogo dosudio dva jedanaesterca u korist George Crossa, "plava" mreza bi ostala netaknuta. Strelci za JUST: Joe Carroll, Jimmy Fernandez, Vlatko Belic i Ariel Reigosa.

POSLEDNJA SANSa ZA MAKEDONIJU I

"PLAVE"

U petak 10. februara Makedonija igra prvu utakmicu na Olympic Parku protiv Juventusa. Odzaka i momci moraju pobediti da bi igrali u polufinalu Noćnog kupa, ciji uspeh mnogo zavisi od Makedonije i njene brojne publike. "Crveno-crni" polako sređuju svoje redove, ali pitanje navale je i dalje bolno. Samo povra-tak Lucchiesija u ovom trenutku mogao bi da donese preokret.

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Za ulazak u polufinale ima sansu i Heidel-berg Alexander, ako iste vbeceri pobedi Croatia, koja je najbliza cilju, ali ne sme i ne moze biti sigurna da ce do njega staci.

U subotu 11. februara na Olympic Parku najlakši posao imace Helas, koji je vec obezbedio ulazak u polufinale, ali od njegove pobe-de nad Croydon zavisi sudbina JUSTa i Ajaksa, koji igraju drugu utakmicu iste veceri. "Plavi" igraju sigurno bez Gary McDowell-a, ali zato se vraća Zdravko Lujic, koji ce svojom brzinom i centar sutevima stvoriti mogućnost za pobe-du "plavog" tima. Green Gully nije mogao pokazao ove godine, pa nas JUSTa nece iznenaditi.

"PLAVI" U HOBARTU

Juniori JUSTa ispod 17 godina (u ovoj sezo-ni) bili su gosti Juventusa u Hobartu dva dana. U subotu posle podne na lepom travnatom South Hobart stadionu odigrali su predigru pred susret Juventusa sa Canberra Arrows. Ju-niorska utakmica završila se nereseno 1:1 (0:0). Umorni od provoda i avantura, koje oba-vezno prate ovakve turneje, "plavi" nisu pru-zili očekivanu igru, ali su ipak bili bolji od domaćeg tima, cija su deca starija od godinu dana. Najbolji igrači ove utakmice Janos Volf, koga su cuvala dva igrača, dva put je za "dla-ku" promasio prazan gol, ali je zato stvorio sansu koju Zoran Vlainic nije mogao da proma-si. Steta sto nisu mogli da podju na put iz finan-sijskih razloga Ljuba Barjaktarevic VESA Kovacevic i Carlos Sandoval, jer pobe-da ne bi bila u pitanju. Ova tri talentovana igrača, kao i starijeg Radovana Barjaktare-vica, nismo ranije pomenuli, ali na sve JUST mora da racu-na, cak i vise nego na ostale.

Boravak u Hobartu je bio od izvanredne ko-risti, jer su se mladi igrači zbližili, stekli nove prijatelje i pronasli da JUST i tako kma grupu vatrenih navijaca. Mala ali odabrana jugoslo-venska zajednica priredila je izlet za juniore JUSTa, koji ce dugo pamtili. Organizator ovog izleta Mirko Knezevic imao je malo vremena na raspolaganju, ali je sakupio dovoljno Jugo-vica da prireme gozbu ne samo za JUSTovce

vec i pedesetak Italijana, koji su bili stvarni domaćini ove uspele turneje.

JUST je igrao u sledecem sastavu: Zoran Vlainic (Vlada Mitrovic), Steven Matanovic, Sasa Perduv, Milan Djurdjevic, Zoran Ivkovic, Ljubomir Divic, Branko Maric, Peter Costadinidis, Janos Volf, Steve Hatzopoulos (Bobi Kulacal), Zeljko Karic (Zoran Vlainic).

JUGO DERBI U DOKCKERTY KUPU

U prvom preliminarom kolu Dockerty Kupa, koje se igra u nedelju 12. februara, sas-taju se Lalor United/Sloga i Springvale Unite-d/Bratstvo i jedinstvo. Utakmica pocinje u 3 po podne na igralistu Lalora Uniteda, Victoria Drive u Tbhomastownu. "Plavi" iz Springvala su favoriti, ali ne treba podceniti ni mogućnosti Sloge, koju sa uspehom trenira Boris Stojcevs-ki.

U ovom kolu slobodni su Altona Gate/Vardar i Ringwood United/Srbija, a ne takmice se vise drugi timovi JUSTa i Makedonije, koji je savez Viktorije likvidirao sa jednim potezom pera, ali nije zaboravio da im posalje racun za upi-sninu od 1500 dolara! O tom "nametu na vila-jet", koji je savez udario na sve klubove, govori se na veliko. Pored upisnine, koja bi morala da pokrije sve rashode i da nesto ostane za crne dane, savez naplacuje i razne druge dazbine (registracija igrača, nove licne karte, transfer forme itd. itd.), sto tesko opterećuje inace prazne klubske kase. Takava finansijska politika sprovodi se prema juniorskim klubovi-ma u istoj meri. Zamisljivo je da se 1960. godine stvorila danasnja Federacija zbog tog pitanja. Da bi se približili junior skit timovi za saradnju, nova Federacija ne samo da je uki-nula upisninu vec je odredila specijalnam pomoć za razvoj fudbala medju juniorima i po skolama. Pored toga svake godine drzava do-deljuje izvesnu pomoć svim sportovima, pa razume se daje nesto (iako nedovoljno) za po-trebe Fudbalskog saveza, narocito juniorskog osekda. Zasto se taj novac proporcionalno ne podeli svim juniorskim timovima, od kojih zavisi uspon i razvoj fudbala?!

PRIJATELJSKE I KUP UTAKMICE

Posle dva nepotpuna treninga Ringwood/Sr-bija je odigrala prvu prijateljsku utakmicu u ovoj sezoni sa skrljpinim timom. Protivnik Cheltenham pobeo je Rujeviceve momke sa 4:1, sto ne znaci mnogo, jedino je ukazao na slabosti tima, koje treba ukloniti pre pocetka sezone.

Tarax je izgubio i drugi susret za grčki kup protiv Clifton Hilla sa 2:0, ali ne odstaje od daljeg takmicenja. Poraz protiv Clifton Hilla bio je očekivan, jer je u pitanju favorit ovog turnira. Zahvaljujući Milanu Cvijiku, koji je sa uspehom cuvao mrežu "plavih" veterana, post-ignut je castan rezultat.

U subotu 11. februara na JUSTovom igralistu u Footscrayu igraju prijateljsku utakmicu ju-niori JUSTa ispod 12 godina i reprezentacija Zapadnih predgrađa.

FESTIVAL I TURNIR "BOSNE"

Od 10. do 12. marta Fudbalski klub Richmond UNITED/BOSNA odzrva tradicionalni festival i turnir, na koji je pozvano 12 klubova, od toga dva iz Adelaide i jedan iz Wodonge. Raspored ovog turnira objavićemo kasnije. Popularni igrač Bruno Aleksić treniraće "Bosnu" do ovog festivala, a onda ce ukupna raspisati konkurs za stalnog trenera.



by
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TA NEA TΩN OMAΔΩN ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΕΠΙΛΟΓΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΗΜΕΙΟΥ THE SOCCER

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Τά μάτε τού θερινού Κυπέλλου ίσως να είναι και τά τελευταία για τόν διεθνή Μεσογειακό άσο Στήβ Ρούβιντν στήν "Σα- λάς Μελοβούρη".

Ο τεχνικός Άνν Μάκνεντρου προβληματίζε- ται με τόν παίκτη δ όποιος άν και προ- σπαθεί, έν τοτόσο έν έλιναι πωτέ με τήν άποδοσή του.

Τήν περασμένη Παρασκευή στό μάτε της "Έλλάς με τήν Τρόστ όταν βήγχε δ Ρούβ- ντν και μπήκε δ "Άγκαν ή επιθετική γραμ- μη έλλαξε τελείως και ήταν θαυμάσια.

Γιά τόν Ρούβιντν ένδιαφέρεται ή Τζ.Κρόβ ή οποία όπω μάδα προσφέρει 8.000 βολ- λάρια στήν "Έλλάς".

ΠΙΣΤΥΧΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΑ

Ο Φιλ "Ούνδνορ άνήκει πλέον στό πύγα και πιστεύεται ότι 9ά τόν βοηθήσει θετι- κά στή επιθετική του γραμμή.

Ο διεθνής παίκτης όπείρασε στήν έλληνι- κή μας ομάδα ή οποία, όπως μάδαμε έδωσε

ΤΙ ΕΑ ΓΙΝΕΙ ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΝΤΑΙΒΗΝΣΟΝ;

Ίσως τάρα που γράφεται ή στήλη, δ "Άλαν Νταιβήνσον άπό Βοστώνη στήν Ηελβόρντ με τήν όπείρασή άπό παρουσίαστέ στήν δ- μέβα του τήν "Έλλάς".

Ο συμπαθής "κινέζος" έν μπορείς τελικά να πάρει άδεια στήν "Άγγλία και άναγκά- στηκε να έπιστρέψει έν φωνικά έχει έλ- θε-ι, αλλά όχι για πολύ γιατί πολύ σύντο- μα έν άποκλείεται να γυρίσει όριστικά στό Λονδίνο και τήν "Άρσεναλ".

Ίσως τί θά γίνει στήν "Έλλάς, κανένας έν γνωρίζει και άκούγονται πολλά.

Άνευ ότι δ Άνν Μάκνεντρου μετά τίς όηλό- σεις που έχει κάνει για τόν παίκτη ένν προκρίνεται να τόν άφαιρεί να προπονηθεί με τήν τακτική ομάδα.

Άλλοι Άνευ ότι θά γίνει μία προσπάθεια να όδύσου Μάκνεντρου και Νταιβήνσον τά χέ- ρια έλλά τίποτε έν είναι όσυγγορ.

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Τά καλό όμως θά είναι άκμην χειρότερο άν δ "κινέζος" καταλήξει στήν "Άλξάνδρσο.

ΟΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΜΥΣΕΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΑΟΥ ΓΚΑΗ

Τό "Όλη άποδομμεθεί άρκετούς παίκτες με- τού τόν όποιον και τούς Τσιάνο, Παλαμάς ή έννευεν τά Ηελβόρντ.

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Η ΕΛΛΑΣ

Τό μίνι τουρνουά τής Ν.Ε. Άάρ (7 Α ΣΤΟΡ)

Τήν Κυριακή για τή "Άμοτρογη κλπ ή Ν.

ΕΛΛΑΣ άγωνίζεται με τή Νόρβ Ντάντενογκ.

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"Άρχισαν οι προπονήσεις τών Τζούνιορς κα- θε Τετάρτη και Κυριακή στό Τεχνικό ά Σκολά τού ΚΑΒΝΤΟΝ. Όλοι οι παίκτες είναι εύρω- στικοί.

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